WEATHER.

Fair, warmer Wednesday; Thursday rain, colder by tonight.

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NO PEACE WITHOUT COMPLETE RESTITUTION REPARATION AND GUARANTEES, SAYS PREMIER

Lloyd-George's First Act as British Prime Minister is to Reject Teutons' Proposals.

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Declares That Germany Must First be Prepared to Accede to the Allies' Terms.

JOINT REPLY IN FEW DAYS

Earl Curzon Announces Policy in the House of Lords.

London, Dec. 19. — The announcement in the house of commons today by David Lloyd-George, the new prime minister, that the first act of his administration was the rejection of the proposal of the Central Powers for a peace conference constituted one of the most momentous scenes which the oldest parliamentary veterans had ever witnessed.

The new premier declared that before the Allies could give favorable consideration to such an invitation, they must know that Germany was prepared to accede to the Allies' terms, giving "complete restitution, full reparation and effectual guarantees," and to enter a conference upon the invitation of Germany, proclaiming herself victorious, without any knowledge of her proposals, "would be putting our heads into a noose with the end of the rope in Germany's hands."

Refers to Belgian "Slavery."

Mr. Lloyd-George asserted that at the moment Germany was penning the note, assuring her convictions as to the rights of other nations, she was dragging Belgians into slavery. He announced that the note presented through Washington contained no proposals of terms, but was a paraphrase of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech, and that the Allies had separately concluded to reject it, although they had informally exchanged views, and would within a few days present a joint reply.

Mr. Asquith, the former premier, seconded Mr. Lloyd-George's decision with even stronger words and almost at the same moment Earl Curzon was informing the lords that the government would enter no conference that did not guarantee for Europe the free and independent existence of nations, great and small.

The Marquis of Crewe affirmed the approval of the members of the late government.

Day Doubly Important.

The day was a doubly important one for the commons because the new premier unfolded his programme for wide-reaching war measures and Mr. Asquith closed the last chapter of his nine years of leadership with an accounting of his war stewardship.

The principal feature of Mr. Lloyd-George's programme is a measure for national service, matching Germany's latest scheme whereby every citizen will be liable for enrollment, to perform work for which the authorities consider him best equipped.

The premier prefaced his view of the situation by the statement that the British did their best in time of danger; that the country could be told unpleasant, and he would give, not a dark, but a stern view of the outlook.

EARL OF CURZON ANNOUNCES POLICY IN HOUSE OF LORDS

London, Dec. 19. — "The policy of the new government is that the war must be conducted with the utmost prosecution, that there must be an ample return for all sacrifices; that full reparation must be made by the enemy for his countless crimes, and security given that those crimes will not be repeated and that the sacrifices made shall not have been in vain," said Earl Curzon, a member of the new war council, in presenting the policy of the government in the house of lords today.

"The government's aim is that the peace of Europe shall be re-established on the basis of the free and independent existence of nations great and small, and that as regards this country it shall be free from the menace which the triumph of Germany and the German spirit would entail," he continued.

"Our answer to Germany's latest move must be swift and sure. It is not too much to ask the people to take upon themselves for a few months the obligations which Germany has imposed upon herself. The nation is fighting for its life, and is entitled to the best and fullest service of its sons."

Alluding to the position of Rumania, Lord Curzon said that Germany's suc-

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PREMIER'S SPEECH IS NOT REGARDED IN WASHINGTON AS ENDING HOPE FOR PEACE

Officials, However, Are Convinced That Action by the United States Now Might Embarrass Any Move for Mediation Later—German Embassy Interprets Lloyd-George's Speech as Opening the Door for Further Discussion.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The first official impression here of Lloyd-George's reply to the German peace proposals with the announcements of Russia, Italy and France is that it does not foreclose further moves which might look to a discussion of peace such as the Central Powers have suggested. This view is held by officials of the administration and of the German embassy.

Official Washington practically is unanimous, however, in the opinion that the British premier's speech has shown that any positive action by the United States toward mediation not only would be premature but might embarrass such action later.

It was stated authoritatively tonight that for the present the United States would act only as an intermediary transmitting communications between the belligerents.

The German embassy interprets the British premier's speech as opening the door to a further discussion, although the German diplomats, intimately familiar with the aims and views of the Central Powers, make no attempt to conceal their uncertainty regarding the outcome of such negotiations.

They feel, however, that if the note replying to the German communication follows the tenor of the premier's speech the Entente, from the Teutonic viewpoints, has done all expected of it, and has brought the idea of peace conference one step nearer realization.

"It appears from the British premier's speech," said Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, in an authorized statement, "that the answer of Great Britain will not end the matter. To me it looks as if there will be at least one more exchange of notes, which will talk of the future and not of the past."

The Allies' responses are viewed by administration officials not as a flat refusal but as the answer most to be expected from a group of belligerents eager to throw back on their adversaries all the onus of having caused the war and of having brought about conditions under which peace was morally wrong. Nevertheless, officials foresee the opportunity, almost the invitation, for Germany to make another cautious advance, which finally may bring out the minimum basis of contention.

German embassy officials, though optimistic because the British premier did not flatly refuse to enter into a discussion, deprecated the suggestion that definite peace terms might be set forth in formal notes. The German view as reflected here is that nothing can be achieved by a public discussion of terms. In the same quarter it is thought probable that Germany, should Great Britain ask it, may be willing to make some preliminary statement of principle regarding terms, especially if failure to take such action should be the only barrier to the Entente agreeing to send representatives to a conference. No secret was made of the fact that Germany will use every means known to diplomacy in her effort to bring about a conference.

Premier Lloyd-George's Reply To Central Powers' Proposals

London, Dec. 19.—Rising in the house of commons a few minutes after 4 o'clock this afternoon David Lloyd-George, the prime minister, said:

"I appear before the house of commons today with the most terrible responsibility that can fall upon the shoulders of any living man, as chief adviser of the crown in the most gigantic war in which this country was ever engaged, a war upon the events of which its destiny depends. It is the greatest war ever waged; the burdens are the heaviest that have been cast upon this or any other country and the issues the gravest that have been attached to any conflict in which humanity was ever involved.

"The responsibilities of the new government have been suddenly accentuated by the declaration made by the German chancellor. The statement made by him in the Reichstag has been followed by a note presented by the United States without comment. The answer given by this government will be given in full accord with all our allies.

An Interchange of Views.

"Naturally there has been an interchange of views, not upon the note, because it has only recently arrived, but upon the speech which impelled it—and the note itself is practically only a reproduction or a paraphrase of the speech—the subject matter of the note itself has been discussed informally between the Allies. I am glad to be able to state that we separately and independently arrived at identical conclusions.

"I am very glad that the first answer given to the statement of the German chancellor was given by France and Russia. They have the unquestionable right to give the first answer to such an invitation. The enemy is still on their soil and their sacrifices have been the greater.

"The answer they have given has already appeared in the papers and I simply stand here to give clear and definite support to the statement they have already made.

"Any man or set of men who, wantonly or without sufficient cause prolonged a terrible conflict like this would have on his soul a crime that oceans could not cleanse.

Quotes Abraham Lincoln

"On the other hand, it is equally true that any man or set of men who, from a sense of weariness or despair, abandon the struggle without achieving the high purpose for which we entered it, would be guilty of the costliest act of poltroonery ever perpetrated by any statesman. I should like to quote the words of Abraham Lincoln under similar conditions: 'We accepted this war for an object and a world object and the war will end when the object is attained under God. I hope it will never end until that time.'

"Are we likely to achieve the object by accepting the invitation of the German chancellor? What are the proposals? There are none.

"To enter on the invitation of Germany, proclaiming herself victorious, without any knowledge of what proposals she proposes to make, into a conference is to put our heads into a noose with the rope end in the hands of Germany.

Has Fought "Despotism" Before.

"This country is not altogether without experience in these matters. This is not the first time we have fought a great military despotism overshadowing Europe, and it won't be the first time we have helped to overthrow a military despotism. We have uncomfortable historical memory of these things and can recall one of the greatest of these despots, whose favorite device was to appear in the garb of an angel of peace, either when he wishes time to assimilate his conquests or to re-organize his forces for fresh conquests, or, secondly, when his subjects showed symptoms of fatigue and war-weariness, an appeal was always made in the name of humanity. He demanded an end to the blood shed at which he professed himself horrified, although he himself was mainly responsible.

"Our ancesters were taken in once, and bitterly they and Europe rue it. The time was devoted to reorganizing his forces for deadlier attack than ever upon the liberties of Europe.

"Examples of this kind cause us to regard this note with a considerable measure of reminiscent disquietude.

The Allies' Only Terms.

"We feel that we ought to know, before we can give favorable consideration to such an invitation, that Germany is prepared to accede to the only terms on which it is possible peace can be obtained and maintained in Europe. Those terms have been repeatedly stated by all the leading statesmen of the Allies. They have been stated repeatedly here and outside. To quote the leader of the house last week: 'Reparation and guarantee against repetition, so there shall be no mistake, and it is important that there should be no mistake in the matter of life or death to millions.'

"Let we repeat, complete restistution, full reparation and effectual guarantees.

"Did the German chancellor use a single phrase to indicate that he was prepared to accept such a peace? Was there a hint of restitution? Was there a suggestion of reparation? Was there an implication of any security for the future ,that this outrage on civilization would not again be perpetrated at the first profitable opportunity?

"The ver substance and style of the speech constitutes a denial of peace on the only terms on which peace is possible. He is not even conscious now that Germany has committed any offense against the rights of free nations. Listen to this from the note:

"'Not for an instant have they (the Central Powers) swerved from the conviction that respect of the right of other nations is not in any degree incompatible with their own rights and legitimate interests.'

German "Outrages."

"When did they discover this? Where was respect for the rights of other nations in Belgium and Serbia? That

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BAKER IN FAVOR OF UNIVERSAL SERVICE

Offers Qualified Support to Some Form of Compulsion Before House Committee.

GIVE MILITIA FAIR TRIAL

Opponents of Present Volunteer System Hope Bill May be Framed That Will Also be Endorsed by President Wilson.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The agitation for some form of compulsory military service in the United States received qualified support from Secretary Baker today before the House Military committee, encouraging opponents of the present volunteer system to predict that legislation for a change might be framed which would be sanctioned by Mr. Baker and possiby by President Wilson. The President has said he would not attempt to reach a decision on the subject until a definite plan was placed before him.

Replying to a direct question as to his views on compulsory military service, Secretary Baker said:

Universal Obligation.

"The obligation to serve the country is a universal one. The question of how to bring about preparation for National defense is one of policy rather than theory. Whether universal military service of a selective conscription is the correct answer, I do not know. The theory of a common interest in a common country would be suffered by a method of selecting soldiers that was not voluntary in character."

The Secretary told the committee, however, that since Congress had rejected the continental army plan in favor of the National Guard system, he believed the guard should be given a fair trial. He did not amplify his suggestion in regard to the selective conscription, but it is understood the plan under consideration contemplates the taking of an inventory of men, as is being done with industrial resources, and devising a means whereby every citizen would be made liable in a war emergency for the character of work for which he is best fitted by his peace time training.

General Scott Again Testifies.

In the near future Mr. Baker will appear before the Senate sub-committee which is hearing the opinions of army officials and others on the Chamberlain universal training bill. Major General Scott, chief of staff, was again before the sub-committee today urging universal service legislation and submitting the report on the mobilization of the National Guard for border duty compiled by Col. W. C. Brown from all information available at the War Department.

The conclusion of the general staff, General Scott said, that no adequate defense could be built up under the present volunteer system, was fully substantiated by the reports of departmental commanders, inspector-instructors and others, included in Colonel Brown's compilation.

Col. Brown Before Committee.

Colonel Brown, who commanded the Tenth cavalry under General Pershing and led the detachment which dealt the most severe punishment to the Villa bandits, was before the committee himself and told of the hardships the troops in Mexico encountered, of the forced marches and terrific pace set, adding that only thoroughly trained men and animals could have stood the strain.

Mobilization Report.

The mobilization report shows that of 128,000 enlisted men of the militia inspected on the border, 81,179, or 63 per cent, were either transferred from militia organizations not called out or were new recruits, leaving only 37 per cent of the force representing the National Guard or the organized militia element on the rolls of the organizations in question at the date of call.

Of those who were on the rolls at the time of the call, according to the report, 47,657 were lost for various causes during the period of transition into the Federal service, making the National Guard as it went to the border substantially a volunteer force. Of the number lost 7,258 failed to respond to the call at all, and 23,721 were rejected for physical disability.

The report says 63 per cent, or 81,263 men, had had less than three months' military training of any kind and more than 60,000 none at all, when they reached the border. The report shows that 56,813 never had fired a military rifle at all, and that more than 14,000 others had received rating of less than first class at the targets.

Warm Praise for Regulars.

Secretary Baker was warm in his praise for the enlisted regulars and informed the House committee that he had approved a suggestion that their pay be raised to $25 a month. He was enthusiastic over the summer training camp plan.

"I believe," he said, "that if the United States were in a major emergency, 99 per cent of those who attended the Plattsburg encampment would enlist and be of very great value to the government. They would beat the rest of us to it."

"WET" FORCES IN BOSTON GET OVERWHELMING MAJORITY

City Votes to Continue Licensed Sale of "Booze" 53,459 to 29,997.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 19. — Boston today voted to continue the licensed sale of liquor after the liveliest campaign on the liquor question that the city has had in years. The vote in favor of license was 53,459; with 29,997 against. Last year the vote for license was 46,115 and 31,877 against.

MAY BE FORCED TO CROSS THE DANUBE

Rumanians Seemingly Have to Make Stand or Retreat Into Bessarabia or Moldavia.

NO GREAT VICTORIES WON

Berlin Announces Capture of Over 1,000 Russo-Rumanians—Spirited Artillery Duels in the Meuse River Region.

The Russian and Rumanian troops who have been in retreat before the Teutonic Allies in Dobrudja, seemingly now are at a point where they either must make a stand or cross the Danube into southwest Bessarabia or into Moldavia in the region of Galatz.

The latest official communication from Berlin says that in Dobrudja the Russians have retreated past their newly fortified positions in the north and that the Teutonic Allies now are advancing toward the lower Danube.

Aside from the announcement of the capture of more than a thousand Russians and Rumanians and the taking of numerous vehicles loaded with provisions, no mention is made by Berlin of the advance on Moldavia. In the Carpathians the Russians and Teutonic allied forces continue fighting, but with no great victories falling to either side.

In all the other theatres artillery engagements preponderate, only small infantry action having taken place anywhere. Berlin records attacks favorable to Turks and Bulgarians in the Struma region on the Macedonian front.

On the right bank of the Meuse in the Verdun sector the French and the Germans throughout Tuesday fought spirited artillery duels especially near Bezonvaux, the Cauriers wood and Chambrettes. The infantry of neither side left their trenches. Reciprocal bombardments took place along the British front in France and also along the line in Belgium.

TWO KILLED, 15 INJURED AS RESULT OF MINE EXPLOSION

First Aid Crews Do Quick Rescue Work When 150 Miners Are Entombed.

Bruceville, Ind., Dec. 19.—Two miners are dead and 15 injured as the result of a gas explosion in the Oliphant-Johnson mine near here today. One hundred and fifty men were entombed by the blast, but first aid crews from nearby mines gave early assistance and the workings were cleared in about four hours.

The Brucaville mine is equipped with every life saving device recommended by the government. It is due to this fact, according to the owners of the shaft, that the loss of life was no greater.

New York, Dec. 19.—Dr. James Monroe Taylor, president emeritus of Vassar College, died here tonight. He was 68 years old.

SHEPPARD BILL MAY BE VOTED ON TODAY

Friends of District Prohibition Measure Expect it to Pass.

Senate, by a Tie Vote of 38 to 38, Fails to Adopt the Amendment Offered by Underwood Providing a Referendum.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The way was cleared in the Senate today for a final vote on Senator Sheppard's bill for prohibition in the District of Columbia and unless there is an unexpected filibuster it will be put on passage tomorrow. Friends of the measure expect it to pass.

The main fight came over Senator Underwood's amendment providing a referendum of the question to District residents.

After many minor changes had been made in its phraseology the amendment was beaten in committee of the whole 38 to 38. Senator Underwood gave notice that he would ask for a separate vote on it when the bill with amendments comes up for final action. Advocates of the referendum still were hopeful tonight that the necessary majority could be found.

There is little chance that the tie can be broken by Vice President Marshall, since he is to leave Washington before the Senate convenes tomorrow.

Senator Sheppard showed a disposition to press for a final vote tonight, but there was evidence that any attempt to do so would result in a filibuster and after much parliamentary maneuvering the Senate went into executive session and left the bill to take the ordinary course tomorrow

Before the vote on the referendum the Senate adopted, 54 to 15, a change suggested by Senator Williams which would permit all persons "regardless of sex" to participate, and approved also amendments confining suffrage to the literate and those who are not delinquent in tax payments, and extending it to residents of other states domiciled in the District.

ZEBULON V. WEAVER GOES TO CONGRESS

Supreme Court Affirms Ruling of Judge Adams; Election Board Issues Certificate.

CRAIG SIGNS COMMISSION

Dismissal of Injunction Petition Against Buncombe Board of Elections to Prevent Certification of Returns Affirmed.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 19.—A commission as representative in Congress from the Tenth district to succeed James J. Britt, Republican, was issued late today to Zebulon Weaver, Democrat, by Governor Craig.

The commission was issued by the Governor after the State Supreme Court an hour previously had dismissed Britt's appeal from the action of Judge W. J. Adams, of the Buncombe county Superior court, in refusing to grant a writ of mandamus to compel the Buncombe county board of canvassers to declare the vote of that county on the face of the returns as they appeared on November 9. The returns of three precincts in the county not officially reported at that time were included when the county canvassing board acted on November 17. Britt still was ahead in the county, but Weaver had gained enough in the three precincts in question to overcome Britt's lead and give him a plurality of nine votes in the district.

A temporary order restraining the State Board of Canvassers from taking into consideration the vote of Buncombe county, obtained here recently by Britt was dissolved by Judge W. M. Bond as soon as the Supreme Court's decision was handed down. The board of canvassers then reported Weaver's election to the Secretary of State, who in turn certified it to Governor Craig.

In political circles here, it is taken for granted that Britt will take the contest to the floor of the House of Representatives.

SUPREME COURT HOLDS THE FINDING OF FACTS BINDING

(Special Star Telegram).

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 19.—The North Carolina Supreme court affirms the ruling of Judge Adams dismissing the petition of injunction against the Buncombe county board of elections to prevent the certification of returns that gave Z. V. Weaver the majority for Congress over James J. Britt in the Tenth district. The ruling was made at 4 o'clock this afternoon with the statement that a formal opinion by a member of court would be filed later.

Members of the State Board of Elections were here awaiting the action of Supreme court and at once issued the certificate of election to Congress to Weaver so that Congressman Britt must appear in the next Congress as contestant and Weaver will help make whatever narrow margin of majority the Democrats may have in Congress.

In making the ruling the court said: "The findings of fact, when supported by evidence as they are in this case, are binding upon the Supreme court.

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RALEIGH MAN AMONG THOSE WHO PERISHED

Jack Johnson, White, Aboard Ship When Sunk.

North Carolina Negro Was Also Lost. Names of Americans Killed When Stock Transport Russian Was Torpedoed.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 19.—British Vice-Consul C. E. Kenworthy, stationed here, today received a cablegram from London giving the names of the Americans killed when the British stock transport Russian was sunk in the Mediterranean on December 14 by a German submarine. Nine of the Americans were white men. Their names follow:

William Guernsey, Cornell, N. Y.; Charles Harn, Washington, D. C.; Mat Campbell, Bowling Green, Va.; James Johnson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ralph Gordon, Newport News, Va.; Otis Tucker, Richmond, Va.; Jack Johnson, Raleigh, N. C.; John Scott, Portsmouth, Va.; and Lloyd Water, Cambridge, Mass.

The negroes were: Joseph Wilson, Dendron, Va.; William Burchette, St. Louis, Mo.; David Scott, Baltimore, Md.; Langstor Byrd, Danville, Va.; A. Cooper, Florence, S. C.; Ernest Taylor, Newport News, Va.; Joe Bullocks, Edenton, N. C., and Vance Brown, Petersburg, Va.

The message contained no additional information concerning the sinking of the Russian, the vice-consul said.

BONUSES FOR EMPLOYES.

Home Telephone Company Generous at Christmas Time Also.

Henderson, N. C., Dec. 19.—Bonuses equal to the salaries for two and three weeks, according to the period of time the employe has been with the company, and which will apply to all employes on its entire system in Eastern North Carolina and Virgina, was announced by F. C. Toepleman, general manager at the home office of the Home Telephone Company, here today.

BREAK IN COTTON OF $3.50 PER BALE

Decline Results From Adverse Developments in the Peace Situation in Europe.

WHEAT RISES AND FALLS

British Premier's Speech Sends Prices Up But a Set-Back Follows on Gossip Favorable to a Peace Conference.

New Orleans, Dec. 19.—The furious waves of selling, divided by a period of pronounced strength, resulted in the cotton market today from political developments and cost the price $3.50 a bale.

In the early trading apprehension over the import of Premier Lloyd-George's statement in parliament caused a loss of 63 to 71 points, but the first reports of the speech caused a reaction which gained great headway, apparently on the oversold condition of the market, and carried active months to within 15 to 27 points of yesterday's close. Late in thre day, with prices mounting, great lots of cotton were hurled onto the ring, breaking quotations to new low levels on some months.

A private bureau report on ginning to December 13, showing a total output of 10,870,000 bales also influenced the market.

At the lowest the market showed a net loss of 67 to 71 points. The close was within a point of the lowest.

SET-BACK FOLLOWS ADVANCE OF OVER 7 CENTS IN WHEAT

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Despite a sensational advance of 7 1-4c in wheat today, based on running reports of the British premier's speech discussing the German peace offer, the market later fell back 7 3-2c, owing chiefly to widespread gossip that the way to a peace conference had not yet been barred. Excited selling accompanied the late set-back in prices and there was a wild close with quotations ranging nearly a cent each side of yesterday's finish.

At the topmost point of the rise wheat values had recovered about 18 cents a bushel since the recent lowest level was touched on Friday. The upturn led to extensive profit taking by holders, but the selling did not assume a runaway character until reports under London date lines appeared in print here asserting that the door was ajar for specific peace terms from Germany and that a peace conference was yet possible.

In the short time remaining before the market closed there was but scanty leeway for any certain knowledge to be gained as to whether the Lloyd-George speech did or did not afford an opportunity for a peace parley. The result was that no solid support for the market was immediately available and that the crumbling f prices continued virtually without stop till the gong cleared traders from the pit.

Fear that if peace was indefinitely postponed the effect on the American export trade in wheat might prove disastrous was to some extent a factor of the late selling stampede. Final prices showed the general indecision—December 3-4c lower at $1.53; May unchanged to 5-8c higher at $1.64 3-4 to $1.65 1-8, and July 3-8c to 7-8c net higher at $1.38 1-4 to $1.38 7-8.

PRICES UNDERGO VIOLENT BREAKS IN STOCK MARKET

New York, Dec. 19.—Prices broke violently on the stock market today after the publication of the remarks of Lloyd-George on the German peace proposals. The downward movement did not begin, however, until an hour after the receipt, about 1 o'clock, of the first excerpts from his speech. During this time, as the fragmentary additions came in, Wall Street spent one of the tensest 60 minutes in its history endeavoring to interpret the significance of the British premier's discourse.

Confusion and perplexity was reflected in hesitancy, little rallies and declines, and a bound upward before the slump began. Then suddenly the stock tickers began to reel off the message that stocks were being offered down. The market fell off rapidly, and before trading was over, extreme declines of from 4 to 10 points had been registered.

Probably never in history has London been such an overshadowing factor in the New York stock market as today. Trading during the irregular with only a nominal output. Interest in what Lloyd-George would say was at high pitch in every quarter of the financial list and business waited exclusively for word from the head of Britain's new ministry. The first excerpts from the crash were preceded by publication of private cables upporting to outline the text of the address actually rose on these advices, illustrating the market's extremely sensitive condition.

As in other drastic downward movements the stocks which suffered chiefly today were those of concerns which have derived huge incomes from the sale of war supplies and other products for which there has been a big European demand. There was a rally just at the close, however, of from 1 to 5 points.

When the slump finally began U. S. Steel was offered down in single lots of 1,000 to 5,000 shares, from 116 1-8 to 109 5-8 in very little time. Other shares that registered extreme recessions of 4 to 10 points included Gulf States Steel, Crucible Steel, Central Leather, Baldwin and American Locomotive, Cuba Cane Sugar, American Zinc, Butte and Superior and Industrial Alcohol with 17 for Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies.

Pronounced depression also was manifested by Mercantile Marines, In-

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ANOTHER NOTE IS SENT TO CARRANZA

It Further Explains Position of American Government as to the Mexican Problems.

POLICY IS NOT CHANGED

Responsibility Now Rests on First Chief to Decide Whether Efforts to Reach Amicable Agreement Shall Continue.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Secretary of Interior Lane and his colleagues on the Mexican-American joint commission placed upon General Carranza today the responsibility of deciding whether the American government should continue its efforts to effect a satisfactory and amicable adjustment of the questions affecting the relations of the two countries and then adjourned until after the holidays. Through his representatives on the commission they sent to him a communication further explaining the position of the United States government and containing protestations that there exists no intention to violate the sovereignty of Mexico. It was made clear, however, that there can be no modification of the conditions on which the American troops will be withdrawn from Mexico and that the attitude of the government as outlined in the declaration of policy made by Secretary Lane when the protocol was signed at Atlantic City, has not been altered.

The communication was terse but studious care had been exercised to keep out of the document any phraseology that might give offense to the Mexican executive. It was not more than 450 words in length. It was handed to the Mexican representatives in joint session and transmitted by them almost immediately to General Carranza at Queretaro.

Neither the American nor the Mexican commissioners appeared pessimistic in their contemplation of the future. The Americans insisted that they asked Carranza to sign nothing that would impair his dignity or that would be incompatible with the ideals of his government. The Mexicans appeared almost equally confident that ratification of the protocol would be withheld no longer and that shortly after the beginning of the new year they would be discussed with the American commissioners questions not covered in the brief agreement whose ratification is being awaited.

In the event Carranza approves the protocol, the future sessions probably will be held in New York beginning about January 2nd.

SEVEN MEN, ALL REPORTED DEAD, REACH BORDER SAFELY

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 19.—Seven foreigners, all of whom at various times had been reported killed by bandits in Mexico, arrived at Eagle Pass, Texas, according to a telegram received by officials of a railroad company here.

The arrivals were Dr. Thomas Flannagan, W. A. Scott, Jacob Myer, W. C. Palmer, all Americans; Edgar Kock, acting German vice consul; Julio Senner, a Swiss citizen, and a man named Schaefer.

The men were said to be en route from Parral to El Paso.

WOULD JUSTIFY SINKING OF AMERICAN STEAMER COLUMBIAN

German Note Says Vessel Used Wireless to Give Location of U-Boat.

Berlin, Dec. 19. (via Sayville).—The German government in its answer to the inquiry of the United States in regard to the sinking of the American steamship Columbian by a German submarine, justifies the act on the ground that after being allowed to proceed by the submarine the Columbian used her wireless sto give the location of the submersible. The note, according to the Overseas News Agency, had been handed to Joseph C. Grey, the American charge d'Affairs.

The first time the vessel was stopped, according to the version of the note given, the submarine commander did not examine the papers of the merchantman because the rough seas prevented him from boarding her. After detecting the warning radia messages he stopped her again and after making an inspection of her papers, it is said, "decided to sink the ship because of the assistance she had given contrary to neutrality."

The note also alleges that the Columbian had a large amount of contraband on board.

DEPORTATIONS OF BELGIANS SPREADING NEARER BRUSSELS

Villages in Luxemburg Province Being Swept of Able Men.

Havre, Dec. 19.—The Belgian government has been advised that deportations have begun at Waluwe St. Etienne, a short distance northeast of Brussels, but that up to December 4 none had been made from the capital itself.

The advices of the government say that the villages in the province of Luxemburg are being swept of able-bodied males. The larger part of the membership of the national food and aid at Arlon, the chief town of the province of Luxemburg, are declared to have been arrested and deported, although they had certificates given for their protection by the military authorities. The government reports say that sorrowful groups of country people were at the railway stations and witnessed the deportations. The men were singing national airs and shouting "We did not sign," meaning that they had refused to sign the registers averring that they were going willingly.

MEET AT PINEHURST IN 1917.

Southern Hotel Association Closes Sessions at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 19.—The Southern Hotel Association, at its closing sessions today selected Pinehurst, N. C., as the 1917 convention city and re-elected A. H. Galloway as president. Other officers named were A. T. Moore and W. C. Petty, vice president; secretary-treasurer, H. T. Mims.

ASKS SHIPPERS TO AID IN RELIEVING CAR SHORTAGE

Would Have Them Make One Car Take the Place of Two.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 19.—Inaugurating a campaign to relieve the car shortage on its system, the Norfolk & Western railway today issued its first "casualty bulletin," in which D. S. Spangler, superintendent of transportation, makes an appeal to fraight consignees to co-operate and says:

"The custom seems to be that the buyer makes his order upon the basis of the minimum carload. This condition might be the result of habit. In the past the buyer ordered his goods in thirty or forty thousand pound lots which was equivalent to a carload in those days, but now new and larger cars are provided which will take twice as much freight. We feel sure that with this explanation the buyer will appreciate that he can not only benefit himself by making one car do the work of two but that he will benefit business in general.

"Better co-operation between the railroads, shippers and consignees will move the freight in less cars and every car saved will help reduce the car shortage."

Mr. Spangler says that only about 55 per cent. of carrying capacity of closed cars is being utilized in most cases.

SCHOONER AND CREW LOST.

American Vessel Believed to Have Foundered in Gale Off Nova Scotia.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 19. — The American schooner William Mason, bound from Port Amboy for Yarmouth, N. S., has been lost, with all hands, according to a report received here tonight.

Wreckage of the vessel's cabin, containing the bodies of two seamen, which was washed ashore today on the east side of St. Mary's bay, was found today. The schooner is believed to have foundered in the gale that swept Nova Scotia coast last Friday night. She carried a cargo of coal, and was in command of Captain Patterson.

NO PEACE WITHOUT COMPLETE RESTITUTION, REPARATION, GUARANTEES

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cess was by no means so great as she was trying to make out.

"Evidence is forthcoming daily of the desperate straits of Germany at home and in the field," he said. "The position of the Central Powers is not so good as they would have the world believe. Our attitude should not be one of despondency or alarm." Lord Curzon spoke for an hour and twenty minutes, and was followed by the Marquis of Crewe, lord president of the council in the late government, who approved in general terms the policy outlined by his successor, Lord Curzon touching peace. He said:

"We haven't much hope that Germany's peace offer will lead to anything."

NOTE IN SUBSTANCE SAME AS THE CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH

London, Dec. 19.—The text of the German note announcing Germany's readiness to discuss peace was made public here this evening. In substance it is identical with the outline contained in the speech of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, last Tuesday.

MAKING AN ARISTOCRACY

Should Be Men Who Have Succeeded Says Schwab

(Girard in Philadelphia Ledger)

Just the other day Charles M. Schwab wrote, "The aristocracy of any country should be the men who have succeeded."

That is precisely what they once were. All the old dukes and lords and barons and princes and things were the chaps who really did big work for their bosses, who were the kings.

Historians a thousand years hence will reckon that log-cabin boy, A. Lincoln, an artistocrat of the nineteenth century, rather than some unknown nobody whose ancestor 300 years ago had the courage to sail to America in the May-flower, but who did nothing himself.

And the historians of 2916 will also mark up Mr. Schwab among our aristocrats—a fellow who refuses $6,000,000 for his share in Bethlehem Steel just because he prefers to go on working and who, as he himself says, permits men under him to earn as much as $1,000,000 in a year.

Aristocrat! You bet! And 30 years ago he was a day laborer, another of those eagles that came from an egg.

North Adams, Mass., Dec. 19. — This city went "no license" today, for the first time in 29 years, by a vote of 1,694 to 1,596.

FORWARDS COMPLETE DATA REGARDING STEAMER MARINA

Information From British Government Shows Ship Was Peaceful Vessel.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Announcement was made at the State Department today that the time and had not been before in complete information showing that the British horse ship Marina, sunk without warning by a German submarine with the loss of six Americans, was not at the time and not not been before in British public service either by charter or requisition.

The State Department about ten days ago sent to Germany a statement of its belief that this was the case, but has been awaiting the full data before a final statement.

Germany recently informed the United States one of her submarine commanders sank the Marina believing her to be a transport, not entitled to the privileges of a private merchantman.

The State Department today had no detailed reports on the sinking of the British horse transport Russian and had not heard officially of affidavits made by the survivors of the Spanish steamer Palermo saying that vessel was sunk without warning.

Press dispatches today from Berlin giving the German reply to the American inquiry as to the sinking of the American steamer Columbian show a conflict of fact between this government and Germany which it is believed can be cleared up without more serious consequences than a possible suit for damages.

ENGLAND'S YOUNG FIGHTER.

American Admirals Much Older Than Sir David Beatty.

(From New York Sun.)

Admiral Sir David Beatty, who has been appointed to command the British grand fleet in succession to Sir John Jellicoe, is 45. Of the 24 rear admirals of the United States Navy listed in the Navy and Marine Corps Register of January 1, the youngest was born in 1858, or 13 years before Beatty; every man jack of them is older than Admiral Jellicoe, who at 57 becomes first sea lord. In the same list it appears that not one of the 90 captains in our navy is as young as Sir David. Among our commanders his contemporaries are found.

Herein is disclosed one of the peculiarities of the American service; in a country that boasts it is a young nation, in which the industrial dead line of the forties is much talked about, where the hard lot of those whose temples show white is lamented, the command of the first line of defense is in the hands of men years older than the officer in whom England now places the highest responsibility.

The situation is not new. It has been the subject of interminable debate. But seldom has anything happened to emphasize it so strongly as the promotion of the man who commanded the battle cruisers in the Jutland battle of May 31.

LEATHER COST WORRIES.

Massachusetts Shoe Interests Are Alarmed by Situation.

(Boston Special to Phila. Ledger.)

Leather prices in the New England markets are reported to be so lively that it is hard, if not impossible, to give accurate quotations. Two to five cents a pound in a single day is not unknown to the present upward climb of prices, and so far as sole leather is concerned. New England manufacturers are paying prices regardless of grade. Anything which is sole leather can command the ready cash in this market.

So serious has the leather situation become that manufacturers of shoes are casting around for aid in meeting the situation, and the help of Congress may be invoked. Factory owners fear that the rapidly mounting prices and the general scarcity of leather may seriously affect the manufacturing situation by limiting the output. Besides, they say manufacturers are paying too much for leather and the public is paying too much for shoes.

Of course, if the drain caused by European demand could be shut off, the situation would be easier; but Europe is willing to pay, and besides that the allied nations, to a large measure, control much of the hide supply on which America depends. This is brought about in two ways, by suzerainty over the lands which produce the hides or by control of the ocean carriers which bring the hides to America.

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BETWEEN INJUNCTION AND MANDAMUS ORDER

Duplin Commissioners Must Build Fence and Mustn't.

Mandamus Orders Them to Show Cause Why They Do Not Build Stock Law Fence; Injunction Restrains Them From Building

(Special Star Correspondence).

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 19.—An injunction was served on the board of county commissioners of Duplin county Monday, restraining them from building the fence around the county and stock law districts, the injunction being returnable before Judge Oliver H. Allen at Kinston on the 23rd of December.

They were also required to appear in Kinston on December 29th in obedience to show cause why they do not build said fence. The mandamus is returnable before Judge W. A. Devin.

The stock law people are represented by R. D. Jonnson, of Warsaw; the Free Rangers by Duffy & Day, of Jacksonville; the board by County Attorney L. A. Beasley, of Kenansville.

Tobacco Market Closes.

The Warsaw tobacco market closed Friday after a season of unprecedented success, two and a quarter million pounds of the weed having been sold at the two warehouses—Faison and Carter—since the beginning of the season. This brought an average of a little more than twenty cents, and in amount between $450,000 and $500,000 was paid out to producers. A re-drying plant, installed early in the season at the Carter warehouse, greatly facilitated the handling of the product. Many of the buyers have gone to other markets, where the season is longer. These include Ira Satterfield, buyer for the Export company, and John Howard, for the Imperial, who have gone to Paris, Kentucky; Stanley Wall, for Ligget & Myers, who has gone to Winchester, Kentucky; Col. George S. Hughes, for Hughes, Martin & Company, to Danville, Va.; B. R. Scoggin, J. A. Lee Company, to South Boston, Va.; and A. R. Oyler, Gravely-Levy Company, to Rocky Mount.

Warsaw Prosperous.

If a demand for houses is a sign of a town's prosperity, Warsaw is in a prosperous condition. Practically every dwelling and business house in town is occupied, and as soon as a desirable one of either is vacated, there are a number of applicants anxious to rent. All that is necessary to boom the town and cause it to grow into a city, is for an enterprising capitalist to come in and build a cotton factory, for which the town offers splendid advantages in its good railroad connections, fine back country, and the offer of a free site by one of its progressive citizens, and the fact that large quantities of raw material are produced right at hand.

The Christmas spirit is in the air. Shoppers who have not completed their Christmas shopping are busily engaged doing so. Loads of evergreens—holly, pine, bamboo and mistletoe—are being brought in from nearby woods to be used for Christmas decorations, while most of the youngsters are in a state of expectancy for the arrival of Santa Claus. The Bank of Warsaw has added to the Christmas pleasures of members of the Pin Money Christmas Savings Club by distributing to them their checks.

VERY INTERESTING NUMBER.

December Issue of Davidson College Magazine is Out.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Davidson, N. C., Dec. 19.—The December number of the Davidson College Magazine appeared on the hill the last part of last week. This issue is especially interesting as it contains many excellent articles, with several poems that are specially deserving of credit. One of the numbers is the junior speech of W. Y. Sayad, who was heard with much pleasure by a number of Wilmington people last summer. This was the speech with which Mr. Sayad won the Junior Orator's medal last year. Other articles worthy of mention deal with other subjects of direct interest to the students. An article on Major Gen. Stephen Dodson Ramseur, a distinguished alumnus of Davidson College, on "Fraternity Evils," and on the "Preparation for Medicine." This is the second issue in which appeared poems from the pen of H. S. Lott and W. C. Cumming.

SNOW AT DAVIDSON.

Students Getting Ready for 13-Day Holiday Vacation.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Davidson, N. C., Dec. 19.—Snow fell here Monday and the ground was covered, thus presenting a merry holiday season to the students as they will leave for their homes in a few days. College exercises will be over as soon as the examinations are finished on Thursday morning. Several students have already finished their work and have left for the holidays. College will resume the regular classes on Thursday morning, January 4, 1917, after a 13 days' holiday. All students will be expected to be back and a delayed registration charge will be made of those registering after 6 o'clock that evening.

SNOW IN GREENSBORO.

Ground Covered to Depth of Two or Three Inches Monday.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 19.—Snow began falling in Greensboro at 8 o'clock Monday morning, and by noon the ground was covered to the depth of two or three inches. It is the second snow fall of the season, a little having fallen a week ago, but not enough to stay on the ground more than an hour or so.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 19.—The football team of the Chapel Hill High School has recently come in for a good deal of entertainment on the part of the school and town. On Friday night the local fire company, headed by Chief John L. Foister, entertained the boys at their special hall, about 40 people in all being present. Chief Foister spoke, and also Mayor W. S. Robertson. The team was given high praise and also their coach, Glenn Hogan, Carolina, '16.

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(advertisement.)

GROWTH OF RESOURCES BREAKS ALL RECORDS

N. C. State Banks Never Before Enjoyed Such Prosperity.

Increase in Total Resources for Year 34.9 Per Cent—State Historical Commission Reviews Work of the Year.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 19.—Not in all the history of North Carolina banking has the record of growth of total resources of the State banks been anything like that the past year, as shown by the summary of the condition of the banks at the close of business November 17. The increase in total resources for the year was 34.9 per cent, the figures being $118,212,808 this year and $87,660,524 a year ago. There were 437 banks and 25 branch banks included in the summary.

The increase in bank deposits for the year was $25,575,099. Of the deposits reported this November $48,091,956 are subject to check; $7,650,331 demand certificates of deposit; $11,464,354 time certificates of deposit; and $19,874,981 saving deposits. The capital stock of the banks aggregates $11,573,795, a gain of $773,000. The surplus fund is $3,688,722 and the undivided profits $3,749,397.

Historical Commission's Work

The North Carolina Historical Commission was in session today and made a retrospect of the work of the year in the several divisions of the commission's activities. The report shows much progress in classification of the collections being constantly accumulated under the direction of Secretary R. D. W. Connor. These include letter files and executive papers of the governors of the State from Gabriel Johnson down to A. M. Scales—1735 to 1889; the legislative papers from the Revolutionary period to the present time and great numbers of historical manuscripts.

In the repair of manuscripts and the binding of special volumes there were 2,274 manuscripts reinforced and 66 volumes were bound for their better preservation, the work being modeled after that followed in the United States Library at Washington. The card index is being constantly extended and perfected for the convenience of research workers. Valuable papers received during the year are enumerated and make a formidable showing, representing every section of the State and many leaders in the various periods of the State's history.

Local County Records.

Local county records are being added gradually, those counties now especially represented being Beaufort, Carteret, Chowan, Edgecombe, Halifax, New Hanover, Orange, Perquimans and Wilkes. The report recites a number of special bulletins issued by the commission during the year and others out of print were reprinted to meet demand for them.

The progress of the work of Dr. D. H. Hill and his associates in the writing of the North Carolina Confederate History, for which a fund of $25,000 has been provided, was reviewed; also marked benefit that is coming from the Jule Carr Research fund for the Hall of History. The most of the $25,000 history fund was contributed by R. H. Ricks, of Rocky Mount.

W. S. Wilson, Legislative Reference Librarian, made his report to the commission, showing remarkable success within the year in accumulation of records gathered from all parts of the county for the aid of legislators during the sessions of the Legislature and for the benefit of the people of the State generally who may see fit to call on the legislative librarian for information along any line on which he accumulates data.

The State Historical Commission consists of Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes, W. J. Peele, Dr. D. H. Hill, Thomas M. Pittman and Prof. M. C. S. Noble.

$7,200 FOR VETERANS

Amount Paid to Pensioners of Cumberland County This Week.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 19.—Seven thousand two hundred dollars will have been paid to the Confederate pensioners of Cumberland county by Clerk of the Court W. M. Walker before the end of this week. The pensioners are 207 in number, including 87 widows. One of the latter draws the first class pension, the others receiving the fourth class payment. One veteron on the first class list draws $72; six of the second class draw $360; four of the third class will be paid $194; and 106 veterans on the fourth class list will receive $3,392. The widows will be paid a total of $2,824. Three veterans in the county receive the blind pension, which is $10 per month. There is an increase of three in the third class of pensioners as compared with last year, but there are fourteen missing from the fourth class. Not all this decrease is due to death, however, as three were promoted to the third class, while some have probably moved their place of residence.

DEATH OF MRS. S. D. KELLY.

Good Woman of the Point Caswell Community Has Passed Away.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Point Caswell, N. C., Dec. 19.—Many friends were saddened by the death of Mrs. S. D. Kelly, of Point Caswell, which occurred at her home on Wednesday, December 13. She was sick only a few hours before the end came. The cause of her death is said to have been acute indigestion.

Mrs. Kelly was a member of Point Caswell Baptist church, and will be greatly missed in the church and community. She was noted for her kindness to the sick and afflicted, and her life was such that those who knew her recognized in her a woman worthy of all praise.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. B. Carr, of Atkinson, and her remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery.

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COUNTRY IS GOING DRY FITZGERALD DECLARES

Wants to Know From Whence the Liquor Tax is to be Replaced.

Argues Against Increasing Government Clerks' Salaries—Revenue Cutter for Beaufort Seems Probable, it is Said.

(Special Star Telegram).

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—That the entire Nation will ultimately go dry and that the government must immediately begin consideration of the work of replacing the $237,000,000 liquor tax was the declaration in the House today of Congressman Fitzgerald, of New York, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. Fitzgerald was arguing against increasing government clerks' salaries.

"To do this," he said, "even 5 or 10 per cent, will add $60,000,000 to our burdens. A deficit of $230,000,000 stares us in the face. We might as well face it.

"The country is going dry. When it does go dry we no longer will collect liquor taxes, and during this Congress will therefore face the problem of collecting $237,000,000. Where will we raise it; Will we have anyother Payne-Aldrich tariff? You can't for the life of you raise more than $350,000,000 out of a tariff. Let's stop burying our heads in the sand."

Revenue Cutter for Beaufort.

Representative Hood, of North Carolina, is very much interested in the Doremus bill which provides an appropriation for an additional revenue cutter to be located at Beaufort. The Coast Guard Service Bureau strongly recommended this appropriation in the annual report to Congress and there is more than a probability that the bill will become a law.

Postmaster at Roseboro.

Representative Hood has recommended the appointment of James M. Hall as postmaster at Roseboro which became a Presidential office in October.

P. R. A.

ABOUT 16,000 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYES TO GET INCREASE.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Salary or wage increases of from 5 to 10 per cent to about 16,000 government employes receiving less than $1,800 a year and of $500 a year for each representative's secretary were provided for in the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill passed today by the House without a record vote. The secretaries now get $1,500 a year. An attempt to provide each representative with an extra stenographer at $75 a month during the session failed.

The measure carries appropriations amounting to about $39,000,000.

SAYS TURKEY IS READY FOR PEACE BUT PREPARED FOR WAR

Halil Bey Discusses Recent Address of Russian Prime Minister.

Berlin, Dec. 19, (via Sayville).—The Overseas News Agency today gave out for publication a Constantinople dispatch quoting a speech of the Turkish minister of foreign affairs, Halil Bey, before parliament dealing with a recent address made before the Russian duma by Prime Minister Trepoff concerning the agreement between the Entente Allies with regard to the disposition of Constantinople after the war.

The Russian minister, Trepoff, Halil Bey is quoted as having said, "declared that France and England had agreed with Russia to support Russia's despotism over Constantinople, and that the Russian people must know why they were shedding their blood. We answer the fantastic ideas of Trepoff with a reality of facts, and we thank God that he has allowed our flags to wave victoriously on the Rumanian passes—that is, on the shortest road fro Russia to Constantinople. They commenced this war drunk with ambitious pretensions and pursuing fantastic plans. We fight and we march on the way of truth and will continue to do son confiding in the Almighty and supported by the force of our army and sacrifice of our nation. We are ready for peace but are prepared for war."

MAN WHO CAME ALONE TO PENITENTIARY IS PARDONED

Robert L. Walls Returns to Mountain Home, Wife and Eight Children.

(Special Star Telegram).

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 19.—Robert L. Walls, the Watauga county man who won notoriety by being refused admission to the penitentiary when he came alone a year ago to take up service of a three and a half years sentence and had to wait here for an officer to come from Watauga to make the commitment, received a pardon from Governor Craig in compliance with petitions from a great number of people. He has a wife and eight children, one born since he came to prison. He left tonight for his mountain home. He killed his brother-in-law under great provocation and after long suffering, according to the statement of the governor.

—Very little interest is being taken in the movement to provide a Christmas fund for the Confederate Veterans, it is said.

Bon Marche (Incorporated).

Christmas Shopping Headquarters--- Open 'Till Seven

Bon Marche (Incorporated).

Cream Broadcloth. 52-Inch. Just In

Probably the scarcest article on the market today is White Broadcloth. It has been used so very extensively for collars and collar and cuff sets that the demand was too great for the supply, and real Broadcloth has been off the market except at extra high prices.

We received a bolt of twenty yards of best grade, Botony Broadcloth, 52 inches wide, priced at, yard **$3.00**

Leather and Velvet Handbags for Christmas Giving

Put this suggestion down on your little memorandum book: Handbags. Whether "She" is old, young or middle-aged; small, medium or large, we have a hand bag that will become "Her" and which will be highly appreciated by the recipient.

Leather Handbags, all styles, priced at **$1.00** to **$10.**

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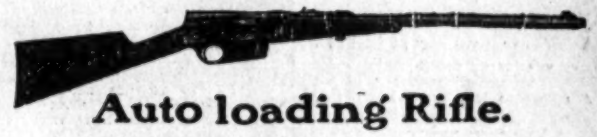

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TOP O' THE MORNING.

He only is advancing in life whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain quicker, whose spirit is entering into living peace.
—JOHN RUSKIN.

Lots of us "strike out" as soon as we strike out for ourselves.

A man who is a great figure today becomes a mere cipher later on.

Lost—Several 1916 opportunities while looking for George to do it.

A girl's idea of a bachelor is that he's a fellow who is afraid of the mat that is in matrimony.

We think we are wise till it comes to finding how it is that half the world lives off the other half.

Smokers complain that the price of cigars has gone up. Have they not heard from the cabbage market here of late?

Old pal, if it's a necktie for you, don't let on but what your mind has been read with the cutest cunning that ever was.

Wall Street's "war brides" ought to sue the Kaiser for alienating the affections of those who have only loved them for their money.

Villa's gang of bandits had a fight among themselves a few days ago. They must have made a rich haul and ignored the rule of give and take.

Instead of raising cain about what we have to pay for something to eat, we won't have to raise cain if we will raise something to eat. We, means the South, of course.

A fellow with a marriage license, an automobile license and a privilege license for carrying on a profitable business may not know where he is going but he is on the way.

North Carolina thrift would have less rift in it if we would keep our money at home. The money we send away makes thrift for those who sell us what we ought to manufacture at home or what we ought to produce in North Carolina.

Don't forget to attach a Red Cross seal to all your holiday missives and packages. You have at least ten more days in which to spend a few cents for the seal that is significant of one of the greatest movements in behalf of the world's humanity.

Atlanta wholesalers announce a dollar decline on a barrel of flour since Germany made her peace proposal, the primary result of which was a slump in wheat. Why does flour go down in some places and go up in others at the same time?

One of the funniest things about Christmas is the advice of editors about how to do Christmas shopping. One editor says tuh'" get a pencil and paper and make a memorandum and then go down town among the shops, ask for what you want, get it and get out so other shoppers can have their turn." An important part of it was overlooked, which is, take along a sack full of money. If you haven't the money, don't take the advice. If you have the money, you don't need any advice about how to rush around and spend it.

A paper making industry in North Carolina would flourish if it were to receive enough home patronage. It would hardly sell paper at cut rates just to relieve buyers, but the economic advantage of a pulp and paper industry in North Carolina is that it would furnish a market for the raw material of our forests, employ home labor in the factories and in the woods and keep in North Carolina the hundreds of thousands of dollars sent out of the State for print paper. One of the necessities for which we send money far away from home is paper.

NO PEACE IN SIGHT AS YET

Without reparation, peace is impossible in Europe, is the attitude of the Entente Allies, as expressed in a speech yesterday before the House of Commons by the Hon. Lloyd-George, British premier. That is in accordance with sentiments already expressed by the other Entente belligerents, notably Russia. Evidently the British premier summarized the sentiments of Great Britain and her allies in his speech, about which the cables give us fuller understanding this morning.

This is just about as we expected. In fact, Germany's so-called peace proposal was only a feeler, and now that the Allies show how they are feeling the next proposition will be made on more definite lines. Indeed, the Teutonic proposal and the Entente intimation are so generally indefinite that they cannot be viewed upon their cleavage merits. The Allies seem to insist on "reparation," but in what particular we are not advised at this writing. We rather infer, however, that at the this time the beginning of peace overtures find two irreconcilable parties to the conflict on the grounds so far hinted at but not declared pro forma.

It is a matter entirely between the warring nations, and there can be no progress towards a peace settlement till they thoroughly understand each other. We have had the entering wedge for peace, but it is not at all discouraging that at the first blush the "bidders and buyers" are apart, to use a commercial term. The next move may be more definite, so that the neutral world may be better able to understand whether a real peace movement is actually on foot. There is nothing doing just at present. The game has only commenced.

SUCCESS OF THE STATE'S CHEESE FACTORIES.

Twelve cheese factories established in Western North Carolina during the last two years mark the beginning of a new rural industry that has been promoted and encouraged by the Farm Extension Service of the State Department of Agriculture. A bulletin just issued by the Extension Service Bureau records the progress of the industry and states that the dozen factories which have spring up in the mountain section of the State have scored pronounced success.

Prior to 1914, the cheese production of North Carolina annually was some 30,000 pounds, mostly family production for domestic consumption. Years ago many families in the western and central portions of the State depended entirely upon the family article, not exceeded in quality, as we know from experience in eating fresh cheese right out of the press that stood underneath the shade trees in the yard. Some families kept up their cheese making to the very last, especially in the mountains, and it is there now that commercial cheese making has been given a start. In 1914 the first factory was started and 1916 finds the industry with at least nine factories manufacturing excellent qualities of cheese, eagerly sought by distributors in and out of the State.

Some of the factories have been operating less than a year but they are promising of success, while nine factories are classed by the Extension Service as demonstrating the success of the initial industry on a commercial basis. The capital stock in these factories, purely co-operative concerns, runs from $480 to $800, but their accomplishments may be realized when it is stated that the factory at Cove Creek, Watauga county, manufactured nearly 15,000 pounds of cheese between July 13, 1913, and January 14, 1916, a run of six months. The Grassy Creek factory, in the same county, produced during the same six months period 12,350 pounds of cheese. The twelve factories are having a decided effect in promoting the livestock industry and they are especially emphasizing the value of pure bred dairy cattle of the best strains.

The animal industry department of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts is paying close attention to the development of the cheese industry, and it is interested in training young men for factory management as well as giving them the technical instruction that equips them for success. With that end in view it has organized a class at the college for special instruction in cheese making. Those who wish to prepare themselves for what is some day to be a great industry in North Carolina can get the benefit of the course from January 16 to March 3. As many as 16 students will be taken and they need not attend any other course at the A. & M. unless they elect to do so.

At the factories in Western North Carolina specialists have gone from one to the other to give instruction. Some of the young men of each community have been instructed, but the surest way to success is to have a technically trained man in charge of each factory so its product can be standardized. As it is, however, cheese of exceptional quality is being turned out in some of the older factories. There is no trouble at all about selling all the cheese products at satisfactory profits.

"How far does a dollar go?" inquires a contemporary. Why, it depends on who personally accompanies the dollar. It goes about everywhere that a tight wad goes, but a dollar goes around the corner with a fool and he kisses it good-bye and leaves it with somebody picking up all the stray dollars that a thriftless fellow throws away under the idea that he is a dead game sport. Some men sit up late at night counting the money that others have thrown away.

THE TRAGEDY OF JOY RIDING.

Nearly every considerable city in the Carolinas has had its automobile tragedy within the last twelve months. Pedestrians have been killed outright or maimed for life on account of reckless driving or joy riding—both in about the same class. Wilmington has had her share of sad accidents, but other cities are always coming along with painful news of a similar import.

Recently joy riders in Greenville, S. C., ran over a woman and killed her instantly, without so much as stopping to display the least humaneness. In Columbia on Sunday afternoon Assistant Adjutant General J. D. Frost, driving his own machine, struck and killed the 11-year-old daughter of Boyden Nims, a consulting chemist, and severely injured his seven-year-old son. Children seem to be the most hapless of the victims, because they lose their heads more readily than grown people who are necessarily more careful about crossing crowded streets.

Joy riding through the streets of a town or city is little short of being criminal, but the unnecessary speed usually maintained by auto drivers in down-town streets, especially in turning corners, indicates thoughtlessness if not recklessness. There is no pressing need of such speed, and it is such automobilists who are going to get all in trouble some of these days.

The only way to stop it is to enforce the traffic laws and that had better be done before some peculiarly distressing accident occurs. Fast driving is more of a habit than anything else, and if a driver was stopped and asked why he is in such a hurry to get through town he would not have a particle of excuse to give. In fact, there is no excuse at all for endangering life and limb. There certainly is more danger than joy in it.

GETTING WHAT IS COMING TO US

Are we getting what is coming to us as a worthwhile city and section? If not, what are we going to do in order to get what is coming to us? It surely ought to be on the way, but if it isn't, it is up to us to do something about it during the year that is soon to be ushered in on us. In all the history of Wilmington she never has been better equipped for attracting attention from the very best class of people anywhere. We surely have the goods to show. Our city is now based upon modern lines, the school system is such that it will appeal to new comers, and our modern highways strengthen our claims upon all who are looking for a city and section capable of the largest development. The resources, the adaptabilities, the advantages, and the possibilities are here. Now that Wilmington is an inviting city herself, the way is open to make it the centre of a large and varied development on both the inside and the outside.

The Fiji Islands is no place for Colonel Roosevelt to go when all the world is so anxious to bring about peace in Europe. He ought to remain in the United States and be ready to serve the ends of peace and humanity, just as ex-President Taft is doing while he is going all over the country making speeches in behalf of the League to Enforce Peace. We don't know that the Colonel ever has so much as approved that movement. We fear that O. Henry called the right deal when he referred to the Colonel as the Great Displeasure.

COMMISSION FORM FOR COUNTIES

To the Editor of The Star:

I notice that in Buncombe county they are considering asking the next Legislature to put Buncombe county on the short ballot or commission form of government. I notice also that the demand for this change arises from the success that the city of Asheville has had with this plan of government.

After noticing these statements, I wondered if it would be an opportune time to call to the attention of the representatives of each county of the State the importance of giving their respective counties this or some other improved plan of government at the coming sitting of the Legislature.

It makes little difference what the system is called, but the important feature is to have a head to each county government with authority to construct, out of the employees of each county, a working organization that will produce economical business results.

I notice some of the counties are employing the chairman of the board of commissioners for his full time. That would be an improvement, provided he had the ability to organize the employees of the county and is given sufficient power to direct and requires those employed by the county to use modern business methods in their respective departments.

If, however, any member of this law-making body is interested in improving the services in their county, I would suggest that they get a copy of the Dayton, Ohio, plan of government and modify the plan to suit their county needs.

There is no doubt but what this system would meet with some opposition, but the representative that would put it into effect, if he were favored with a long lease on life, would live to see his people praise him and future generations would continue the praise after he had gone to his reward.

Our present system of county government was adequate and doubtless the best system possible a century or more ago, but the people have grown more progressive, they are demanding more from the county than in former years and a more modern and progressive business system is necessary and will be put into effect in the course of time.

It strikes me that the sooner such a system of county government is inaugurated the better the people will be satisfied with their government.

Yours very truly,
A. J. M'KINNON.

Maxton, N. C., Dec. 18, 1916.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Our friend, B. R. Lacy, State Treasurer, sends us a clipping from The Observer of December 14, with a heavily underscored word, "Xmas," which he encountered in a headline, and he complains that it has happened often of late. Too true. But the perversion will slip in, sometimes, we suppose, because, in setting a headline the "X" is found to fit in more conveniently. It has not occurred, however, in the editorial columns of The Observer and all the printers in the office are enjoying their usual good health. We have often wondered who it was that first perpetrated the iniquity. Whoever it was marred the holiday fabric with a spot that will not easily wash out, and that on occasion mars so good and attractive a dress as The Observer is wont to wear. It shows some signs of fading, however, and we live in hope.—Charlotte Observer.

"Forty-five selected grafts of mange plants have been shipped from Madras, India, to an American horticulturist who, it is understood, will transplant the trees in Florida," says the New York Times. "It is believed that the importer intends to graft the Indian mangoes on Florida stock or else develop a special plantation of East Indian mangoes in Florida. The experiment is regarded with interest, as mangoes produced in India have a high reputation for excellence." A very intelligent woman of Columbia has been planting mangoes for some years and has great success with them. The kind that she grows is a vine, which reproduces itself for several years. The fruit comes into season in the early fall when other fruits are disappearing. The mangoes may be used in a variety of ways, either in the raw state, or baked or fried. The mango known in Columbia is shaped somewhat like a bell pepper, and the vines are very prolific. One family for six weeks enjoyed the fruit of one vine and had a lot to spare to send to neighbors. Another kind of new fruit which is much in evidence in some sections of the country is the dasheen. We have written of this before, and recently we have seen where there is quite a constant demand for the dasheen by northern caterers. This is an edible caladium, or elephant's ear. It has been known in Cuba and on the southern coast of South Carolina for 200 years as the tanyah. It grows prolifically in damp meadows and is somewhat like the sweet-potato in taste and in its uses, but is superior in this advantage, it can be shipped and can be kept indefinitely, just as the tubers of the elephant's ear or hyacinth. The United States government found this edible tuber in the Philippines and brought it over here half a dozen years ago. Care must be used to get the dasheen and not the ornamental caladium which might not be wholesome.—Columbia Record.

The State will be well served with Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh, as one of its Superior Court judges, and there will be many congratulations extended Governor Craig by friends of Mr. Cox, on the wisdom of the appointment made by the Governor in filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Charles M. Cooke, of Louisburg. To those who know Judge Albert L. Cox there will be no need of commendation of him. He takes to the bench the virility of young manhood, the energy and enthusiasm of a young man who has made reputation as a diligent and studious lawyer, one who will be stirred to increased service on behalf of the State because of the opportunity offered in the appointment made yesterday by Governor Craig. Judge Cox is a member of a family which has well served the State, and it is recalled that his distinguished father, General William R. Cox, was once a judge, having been appointed to position by Governor Vance about 1877. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, having held with distinction a Rhodes' scholarship in England, prepared for the bar at the University of North Carolina, Judge Cox, since he took up residence in Raleigh, has been one of the active figures in city life, one of the men making for the progress of the city and State. Taking a lively interest in political affairs Judge Cox was at one time a member of the House of Representatives from Wake and filled that position with ability. His career as a lawyer in this city has been such as to reflect credit upon him, and as captain of the military company of Raleigh he has made reputation for himself and his company, both at home and in service on the Mexican border. Governor Craig has appointed a man who will render service of high value to the State, and we look with confidence to see Judge Albert L. Cox win high place for himself as one of the judiciary of North Carolina.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Now, so far as the newspaper publishers of North Carolina are concerned, they have the remedy for the acute conditions complained of in their own hands. No end of wood, fit for pulp and for little else, can be cut in North Carolina, without injury—especially in Eastern North Carolina; for most deforestation in the mountains, and especially close cutting, is followed by permanent injury to the land. The cost of putting in a mill and machinery, the cost of operation, are established facts. "We think that later on we can interest capital in putting in a mill for whose output we will contract," said one publisher, who has been making investigations. "But why," asked a great publisher who was present, "wait for capital to put up a mill for you? You will have no assurance of permanency. Private capital belongs to individuals and families; individuals die and families shift their investments. Why not put up the mill yourselves?" The answer may be that newspaper folk as a class lack personal or selfish vision. They could do it, if they could co-operate. As a moral risk, the hundreds of newspaper men in this State are good for half a million dollars, or a million dollars, or millions of dollars, any day in the year. Add to this, they would go into the money market backed by a copper-riveted economic situation; demand guaranteed; cost of operation known; raw material supply assured; backed, moreover, by stumpage contracts readily secured. A considerable amount of the necessary sum could be obtained on bonds. That would be the simple, direct way to do it. Our notion is that it will not be done.—Greensboro News.

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New Hanover Representative, However, Favors Legislation to Submit $250,000 School Bond Issue to Voters of County.

"Although I am in favor of giving the voters of New Hanover county an opportunity to express their will at the polls on the question of the $250,000 school bond issue endorsed by the school committeemen of the city and county, it appears to me that the approximately $30,000 worth of 'back taxes' owing the county ought to be collected, and that if a special effort were made to collect the large amount outstanding it would not be necessary for the county to issue all these bonds."

So said Representative-elect L. Clayton Grant last night, when asked by a Star man to state his position with reference to the enactment of the necessary legislation by the General Assembly to provide for the submission of the issuance of the bonds to a popular vote. Mr. Grant made it clear that he would do all in his power to secure the enactment of the bill prepared by the Board of Education, so that the matter may be placed squarely up to the voters of the county. He added that, in his opinion, there is nothing in the recent constitutional amendments which would prohibit the Legislature from passing the proposed bill at any time.

Continuing, he said: "I feel that the $30,000 in back taxes ought to be collected instead of issuing bonds in so large amounts. It seems to me if this were done, it would not be necessary for the county to ask for authority to make so many bond issues."

Asked why the back taxes had not been collected, Mr. Grant stated that he was unable to say. However, a large tax payer in Wilmington declared most emphatically that he was unable to see any reason why the amounts outstanding should not have been collected, and expressed himself as opposed to any further bond issues until these taxes owing the county had been collected. This tax payer further expressed the opinion that the rate of taxes on the property of persons who are in the habit of meeting their tax obligations were being very materially increased by the failure of the proper authorities to exert every effort to collect the large amount due the county. In this way, it was pointed out, the citizens who paid their taxes promptly were penalized and had to pay increased levies on their property through the issuance of bonds.

According to the report of County Auditor J. A. Orrell submitted to the Board of County Commissioners on Monday and which covered the year ending November 30, 1916, there is no reduction in the total amount of back taxes outstanding, which he estimates as amounting to approximately $30,000. The Auditor's annual report for the year ending November 30, 1915, also showed some $30,000 due the county for back taxes, and at that time he recommended that a special effort be made to collect the $30,000. Of this amount, a little more than $4,000 was collected during the year, but there was still no reduction in the amount owing the county for enough more people fell behind during the year to leave the figures on the back tax books practically unchanged.

DEATH OF MRS. THOMAS

Aged Woman Passed Away Early Yesterday Afternoon.

Mrs. Bettie Thomas, wife of Mr. John H. Thomas, died at her residence, No. 115 North Third street, at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon after an illness of one week. Funeral services will be conducted from St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock this afternoon by Rev Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure. Interment will be made at Oakdale cemetery, in the family plot.

Mrs. Thomas was 66 years old, and had been a resident of Wilmington for the past 28 years. She was for many years a faithful and consistent member of St. Andrew's church, and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband, and one son, Mr. Roy Thomas, of Washington, D. C., who will have the tender sympathy of many friends.

The following will act as pallbearers at the funeral services this afternoon: Honorary, Messrs. W. H. Sprunt and Thomas R. Post; active, Messrs. W. B. McClellan, J. G. Carroll, D. L. Latta, A. H. Sheppard, W. B. Thorpe and J. C. Stewart.

FUNERAL OF MRS. WHITLOCK.

Remains of Esteemed Woman Laid Away at Oakdale Yesterday.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Jessie Barnes Whitlock, who died at her home, No. 20 South 15th street, early Monday night, were conducted from the residence at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Calvary Baptist church. The interment was made at Oakdale, in the presence of a large concourse of friends and relatives.

Many beautiful floral tributes were received from friends and acquaintances of the deceased, and in some small measure attested to the esteem and respect in which she was held in the community. The following acted as pall-beaerrs: Messrs. S. F. Garrison, A. G. Wilder, L. C. Robertson, C. S. Britt, C. C. Cashwell and J. A. McDougald.

DINNER AT COUNTY HOME

General Secretary Huntington Arranges Christmas Feast for Inmates.

Through the Kindness of a number of friends and the different churches of the city, General Secretary J. B. Huntington, of the Y. M. C. A., as secretary of the Yoke Fellows' band, will give a Christmas dinner to the inmates of the county home on next Monday. The food for the dinner will be sent to the home next Saturday and will be prepared under the supervision of Mrs. F. J. Dempsey and Miss Callie Mills.

The inmates of the home are always remembered on Christmas day by kind hearted friends and they are always very appreciative of this kindness. Secretary Huntington has been assured of all necessary aid in getting up the dinner this year.

PAST GRAND REGENT SPEAKS

Mr. Harvey B. Craven Addresses Members of Both Local Lodges of the Royal Arcanum.

That beneficiaries of the two local councils of the Royal Arcanum have received during the past 37 years $100,000 more than the entire membership of both councils have paid into the treasury of the Supreme Council, and that in the State of North Carolina the beneficiaries have received a quarter of a million dollars more than the members have paid in, was one of the striking statements made by Past Grand Regent and Supreme Representative Harvey B. Craven, of Ridgecrest, in an address before the members of the Carolina and Cornelius Harnett councils, Monday night.

Mr. Craven spoke interestingly along the lines of the various new options and rates now being offered by the Royal Arcanum to its members. He stated that he felt that North Carolina was justifiable in taking her stand along with 34 other states of the Union in compliance with the Fraternal Congress or the New York Conference bill.

Mr. Craven was of the opinion that by complying with these laws North Carolina placed the Royal Arcanum in this State on a higher level and firmer financial basis than ever before. He further said that the order had at all times in its history been on a solid financial footing and was permanently solvent. All claims that were justifiable, he pointed out, had been paid within 30 days, and in some instances, in as short a period of time as ten days.

In referring to the amounts paid to beneficiaries in North Carolina during the 37 years that the order has been established in the State, Mr. Craven declared that the amount paid to beneficiaries had amounted to two and a half million dollars, and the total amount paid in to the Supreme Council by the members in this State had amounted to but two and a quarter million dollars, a clean margin of a quarter million.

The address was forceful and convincing, Mr. Craven speaking interestingly of his visits to 33 councils in the State. He was very optimistic in regard to the manner in which the members are accepting the new rates, and predicted that the loss to the order in North Carolina would be small. From Wilmington Mr. Craven went to Monroe, where he spent yesterday, going to Shelby today.

At the conclusion of the address, Carolina Council elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Regent, L. de Ruiter; vice regent, Lewis Williams; orator, Victor Stonebanks; secretary, Henry Bremer; collector, M. F. Allen; treasurer, W. J. Toomer; chaplain, H. E. Robertson; sitting past regent, W. J. Meredith; warden, William Rutland; guide, George Schnibben; sentry, E. S. Piver; trustees, H. E. Bonitz, J. E. Bunting.

It is planned to hold a joint installation of officers on the night of January 8, 1917.

VACANCY IN COLUMBUS TO BE FILLED PROBABLY FRIDAY

Successor to Clerk of Court Stanley to be Appointed.

According to thoroughly reliable information received in Wilmington, the appointment of a successor to Clerk of the Court L. W. Stanley, of Columbus county, who died Monday afternoon, will probably not be made before Friday. It is understood that Judge W. P. Stacy, resident judge of this district, which includes Columbus, will on Friday designate the man to fill the vacancy.

Judge Stacy is suffering from a deep cold this week and is resting at the Yarborough House in Raleigh, where he went from Smithfield, where he held court last week and was scheduled to finish the two weeks term this week, but was forced by his indisposition to spend a few days indoors.

Prominent among those mentioned for the Columbus clerkship is C. D. Koonce, Esq., a well known lawyer of Chadbourn. Others are being mentioned for the place, but the name of the appointee will hardly be known before Friday.

—Deeds were filed yesterday in the office of the register of deeds as follows: Southeastern Realty Company to Thos. H. Wright, property on Harnett street, consideration, $100; Southeastern Realty Company to C. B. Parmele, property on Harnett street, consideration, $100.

PNEUMONIA WEATHER IS HERE

County Health Officer, in This Connection, Advises Against Fatigue, Overeating and Exposure.

In giving a short list of precautions people should take at this season of the year to avoid being taken ill with pneumonia, Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, county health officer, states that the records of the Health Department show that the first cold weather in December almost invariably brings with it a number of cases and deaths therefrom. Some few cases have already developed.

In this connection, Dr. Nesbitt points out that the things which should be avoided include fatigue, overeating and exposure, while at the same time it is advisable to sleep with open windows, thus getting plenty of fresh air, and also to keep the body clean and drink plenty of water.

The Health Officer says it is a common mistake in Wilmington for both men and women to wear insufficient clothing on account of the warm spells which occur here at frequent intervals. He added that many young men and women appear to take pride in the limited amount of protection against cold which they habitually wear.

Continuing, he said: "Experience shows that it is more important to be protected against the changes of weather here than in colder climates, because the changes in temperature are greater. It is also a fact that people who live here are not physiologically adjusted to sudden calls for greatly increased heat protection within the body."

In conclusion, Dr. Nesbitt stated that cases of measles are still appearing and parents should avoid exposing their children to infection.

DR. KENAN BACK FROM VERDUN BATTLE FRONT

Winner of Croix de Guerre Returns to America for Vacation.

Wilmington Man in Interview With New York Herald Reporter Says French Have Wonderful Morale and Infinite Patience.

Dr. Owen Kenan, of Wilmington, survivor of the Lusitania disaster and winner of the Croix de Guerre for distinguished service at Verdun, where he had been for the past ten months, arrived in New York Sunday on the Noordam of the Holland-America line to spend a vacation of several months in this country.

Dr. Kenan is still in New York but will visit his mother, Mrs. Jas. G. Kenan, and brother and sister, Graham Kenan, Esq., and Mrs. J. K. Wise, in Wilmington during the Christmas holidays. The New York Herald reaching Wilmington yesterday has a long article on the arrival of the Noordam in which Dr. Kenan is featured. The Herald says:

"Back from Verdun, where he had passed ten months, almost constantly under fire, and where he won the Croix de Guerre, Dr. Owen Kenan was a passenger aboard the Noordam, of the Holland-America line, which arrived yesterday from Rotterdam and Falmouth. He is an American and acted as surgeon in the field service of the American Ambulance Corps in battles on both sides of the Meuse.

"'I am going back to France next March,' he said, 'and for that reason cannot properly make any statements regarding my observations. I will say, however, that the French have a wonderful morale, excellent spirit, infinite courage and are well equipped.

"'Another thing I desire to say is that I hope with all my heart that this war will serve as an object lesson to the United States in the matter of preparedness. I hope Americans will profit by the lessons taught by the Allies.'"

NEW FORM OF AMUSEMENT.

Mechanical Baseball Apparatus to be Installed Soon.

Wilmington is to have a new form of amusement resort in the near future, if the plans of Mr. E. H. Sussums, of Charlotte, who has been in the city for the past few days, materializes. It is Mr. Sussums' intention to establish here a form of indoor ball game, somewhat similar to indoor baseball. As yet, however, he has not secured a favorable location.

Mr. Sussums has operated one of these devices in Charlotte for several years, and has found it to be immensely popular with the people of the Queen City. Although it is called indoor baseball, it is different from this game. In indoor baseball, practically the only material difference from the real game lies in the fact that it is played with a smaller bat, and a larger ball, while in the game which Mr. Sussums purposes to bring here the ball is hurled at the batsman by a mechanical apparatus.

DAM AT BROWN'S LANDING.

Major Waldron Expects River Improvement to be Completed February 1.

Capt. J. R. D. Matheson, in local charge of the construction work on the dam across the Cape Fear river at Brown's Landing, was a visitor yesterday to Wilmington and conferred with Maj. A. E. Waldron, in charge of the Wilmington Engineering district, on the progress of the operations at the lock and dam at Brown's Landing. The lock was completed some time ago.

Following the conference, Major Waldron announced that it is expected that the dam across the river at that point will be completed by February 1st. Some little delay has been experienced in taking up the piles and cofferdam around the lock. This operation took a little more time than was expected.

WARMER WEATHER TODAY.

Forecast Predicts Fair Today With Rising Temperature.

The weather man has relented. After furnishing us with a choice assortment of some of the rottenest weather that he had in his shop ,he relented yesterday and gave the world, or at least that part of it in which Wilmington is located, a gradually moderating temperature, and today he promises that it is to be fair and warmer.

At 8 o'clock yesterday morning the mercury was playing around 27 degress, but as the sun approached nearer the meridian, the mercury began a slow climb, finally attaining the heights around 40. At 8 o'clock last night it was 35, the mean temperature for the day being 34.

YACHT MINNESOTA DAMAGED BUT WILL CONTINUE TRIP.

Owner and Crew Had Trying Experience in Rough Weather.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 19.—Some ten days or so ago Mr. John A. Beckley, of Chicago, Ill., a member of the yacht club of that city, started to Florida on board of his auxiliary schooner Minnesota. All went well until the craft was off Cape Lookout last Friday night and at that time the little vessel ran into a storm and for a time it looked as though the eight men on board the vessel would be lost. However, the members of the crew of the life saving station there managed to get them safely to land.

The yacht was badly bunged up during the storm but will be enabled to continue on its trip within a few days, but the men on board the vessel declared that they would wait until the weather cleared up before making another try at it.

FOUR COMPANIES QUARANTINED.

Spinal Meningitis Discovered Among Georgia Troops at Border.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 19. — Four companies in the Georgia infantry brigade have been quarantined, because of the discovery of spinal meningitis among the troops, it was announced at military headquarters today.

The companies quarantined are E and G, of the First infantry; M of the Second infantry, and B of the Fifth infantry. It was announced that there were four cases among the men of these companies.

WILL IMPROVE SCHEDULES

Seaboard Air Line Proposes to Have More Efficient Service Between Wilmington and Charlotte.

Arrangements have been made that will materially improve the passenger service between Wilmington and Charlotte, according to First Vice President C. R. Capps, of the Seaboard Air Line, who has recently written a member of the traffic committee of the Chamber of Commerce about this matter.

Mr. Capps was in New York last week and was prevented from attending the Charlotte conference on Friday but he has kept in touch with the situation and on Saturday, after a conference with President Harahan of the Seaboard, wrote to a Wilmington business man.

"President Harahan expressed the view that while he did not feel that the conditions justified an additional train," Mr. Capps writes, "the people along our line were undoubtedly entitled to more regularity of train service and that he would take the steps necessary to bring this about. I think you will find that this situation will be very materially improved within a few days."

This assurance on the part of Vice President Capps will be welcome news to local business interests, particularly the traveling public, as there has been considerable complaint about the trains arriving late. The traffic committee of the Chamber of Commerce has been actively behind the movement to get the trains in on time.

During November a record of the arriving time for the two passenger trains was kept at the local postoffice. This showed that the trains were late for a majority of the time. The arriving time for the two trains for a period of 31 days is given herewith:

	No. 28 at 10:10 A.M.	No. 14 at 12:40 P.M.
Oct. 27	O. T.	3:00
Oct. 28	O. T.	1:20
Oct. 29	O. T.	1:30
Oct. 30	1:00	1:50
Oct. 31	1:30	1:05
Nov. 1.	O. T.	O. T.
Nov. 2	1:00	O. T.
Nov. 3	12:50	1:40
Nov. 4	1:45	1:10
Nov. 5	2:00	O. T.
Nov. 6	12:30	1:50
Nov. 7	12:40	O. T.
Nov. 8	12:30	1:10
Nov. 9	12:40	O. T.
Nov. 10	12:45	1:15
Nov. 11	O. T.	1:05
Nov. 12	1:25	*12:30
Nov. 13	1:00	O. T.
Nov. 14	1:00	12:55
Nov. 15	1:30	1:00
Nov. 16	O. T.	2:05
Nov. 17	O. T.	1:00
Nov. 18	12:35	1:05
Nov. 20	1:00	1:00
Nov. 21	1:05	12:40
Nov. 22	12:45	1:10
Nov. 23	O. T.	1:15
Nov. 24	O. T.	12:40
Nov. 25	12:45	12:35
Nov. 26	2:45	1:20
Nov. 27	1:15	1:00

*—Schedule on this date was changed to make train arrive here at 12:30 P.M.

IN THE RECORDER'S COURT.

Woman Goes to Farm for Prefering Malicious Charges.

Maggie Forman, one of the colored damsels who was arraigned in the Recorder's court Monday morning on a charge of vagrancy, and who was sentenced to pay the costs, made an effort to "get even" with William Hames, one of the witnesses, who appeared against her, so she had him haled into the court yesterday, charged with violating the prohibition laws. The evidence that she furnished, however, was so flimsy that Recorder Harriss decided it was frivolous and malicious, and taxed Maggie with the costs. Unfortunately for the vengeance seeking amazon, she had exhausted her exchequer in paying the costs in the vagrancy case, so she had to take 30 days on the farm in default.

The only other two cases coming up at yesterday's session were those of Neill McDaniel, charged with larceny, who was sentenced to 60 days with permission to the commissioners to hire him out, and Rufus Greene, carrying concealed weapons, who drew three months. All the defendants were colored.

WILL RECESS FRIDAY.

Claude Kitchin's Resolution is Adopted in the House.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Democratic Leader Kitchin's resolution to provide for a congressional recess over the Christmas holidays from December 22 to January 2, was adopted by the House today by a vote of 141 to 44. A similar resolution will be passed by the Senate.

Dan'l Green Felt Slippers all colors. Wilmington Shoe Co.
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A DIME SAVINGS BANK

Which We Will Give You, and You Can Place Therein One or Several Small Coins.

A NEW GOLD COIN

Placed in a Neat, Small Coin Holder, and Sent With Your Christmas Wishes.

These are Real Christmas presents, and we suggest them to you. Our bank Always Provides a large supply of New Currency, Gold and Silver, for its friends, during the Christmas season and will be pleased to serve you.

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GOLD SILVER CURRENCY

As Has Been Our Custom for Many Years Past, We Have Laid in a Supply of New Money for the Christmas Needs of Our Customers.

It Will Be Our Pleasure To Serve You

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Oldest and Largest North Carolina Savings Bank

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"Dodson's Liver Tone" Will Clean Your Sluggish Liver Better Than Calomel and Can Not Salivate.

Calomel makes you sick; you lose a day's work. Calomel is quicksilver and it salivates; calomel injures your liver.

If you are bilious; feel lazy, sluggish and all knocked out, if your bowels are constipated and your head aches or stomach is sour, just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone instead of using sickening, salivating calomel. Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working, your headache and dizziness gone, your stomach will be sweet and bowels regular. You will feel like working. You'll be cheerful; full of energy, vigor and ambition.

Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal guarantee that it will clean your sluggish liver better than nasty calomel; it won't make you sick and you can eat anything you want without being salivated. Your druggist guarantees that each spoonful will start your liver, clean your bowels and straighten you up by morning or you get your money back. Children gladly take Dodson's Liver Tone because it is pleasant tasting and doesn't gripe or cramp or make them sick.

I am selling millions of bottles of Dodson's Liver Tone to people who have found that this pleasant, vegetable, liver medicine takes the place of dangerous calomel. Buy one bottle on my sound, reliable guarantee. Ask your druggist about me.

Old Santa Claus Daily Fills His Bag at This Store

Because No Other Store in Town Offers Such a Wide Variety of Gift Articles at Popular Prices. Come Today

$4.00 Georgette Waists, $2.98

These just came in yesterday, and the quantity is so limited that they will not last longer than today. Colors are flesh, white, and navy; all sizes.

Holiday Special **$2.98**

Crepe de Chine and Lace Waists, $2.50.

Put up in attractive Holiday Boxes and come in flesh in combination with cream lace; all sizes.

Holiday Special **$2.50**

Second Floor.

1,000 Boxes of Handkerchiefs.

Never did any store show a larger or more varied variety of this ever popular Christmas item. Packed in Decorative Boxes or Folders, and priced

10, 15, 25¢ and Up to $1.50 Box.

Men's Gloves.

Men's Dress Gloves, in Gray or Tan, **$1.50 and $1.75**

Men's Wool Knit Gloves, ... **50¢**

Men's Auto. Gloves, . . . **$1.75 and $2.50**

Boys' Gloves . . . . . **50¢ and 98¢**

New Lot of Silk Hose.

Just received today in White, Gray and Bronze. All sizes and worth on the present market $1.25 per pair, but on account of our purchase we are able to offer them for the Holiday selling at **$1.00 Pair**

Other Silk Hose, in all the colors, **35c, 50c, 69c and $1.25**

First Floor.

Do Your Shopping in the Mornings.

The Morning offers best service because the sales people are fresh and more active. Then, too, the aisles are not so crowded.

Carry your small packages with you, and be sure you get them. Our Delivery will do its best, but during the rush some small packages will naturally get misplaced. Your co-operation helps us to give better service to all.

Men's, Women's and Children's Rain Coats for Christmas.

These coats make practical gifts, and are always appreciated. Come in all the desirable shades, and are guaranteed not to leak or fade.

Women's Coats . . . . . **$3.98 to $ 7.50**

Men's Coats. . . . . **$3.98 to $12.50**

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CARRY YOUR SMALL PACKAGES WITH YOU.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mrs. J. D. Robinson is visiting relatives in Watha.

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Mrs. W. H. Rothwell, of Fayetteville, is in the city for the Orrell-Pridgen wedding.

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Miss Dora Jolly, of Roanoke Rapids, was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Orton.

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Miss Bertha Lewis, of Rocky Mount, was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Orton.

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Mr. John S. Burnett, of Richmond, Va., is the holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bonitz.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Cottle, Jr., of Willard, were among the guests at the Wilmington yesterday.

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Mrs. W. M. Shaw, of Southport, is visiting friends in Wilmington. She will return home this morning.

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Mr. T. G. Landen, Jr., of Verona, is visiting at the home of Mr. T. G. Landen, and will spend the Christmas holidays here.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Orrell, of Moncure, are among the out-of-town guests who will attend the Orrell-Pridgen wedding this evening.

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Mr. B. C. Brown, a student at the University of North Carolina, is the guest of Mrs. P. G. Laughridge, No. 602 North Fifth street.

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Miss M. A. Rutland, of Atlanta, Ga., arrived in the city yesterday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rutland.

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Miss Sue Northrop, who is attending college in Raleigh, has returned home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Northrop.

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Miss Winifred Shepard, who is a student at Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shepard.

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The local chapter of the Red Cross Society sold 400 Christmas seals in the postoffice lobby yesterday. Miss Annie Kidder will be the chaperone for today.

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The Junior Auxiliary of Grace Methodist church will hold their regular monthly meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

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Mrs. Daisy Middleton, of Norfolk, Va., attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. O. O. Whitlock, yesterday. She will remain in the city for several days with relatives.

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Miss Beatrice McMillan, of Teachey's, who for the past week has been the guest of Miss Mina Ulrich, No. 502 South Front street, returned to her home yesterday.

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Rev. B. F. Huske, rector of Christ's Episcopal church in New Bern, returned home yesterday afternoon after a visit of two days to his friend, Graham Kenan, Esq.

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A meeting of the Hospital Circle of King's Daughters will be held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at No. 126 South Third street. It is an important meeting and all members are urged to attend.

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A wedding of interest to many friends will be solemnized this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Tripp, No. 411 Nun street, when their daughter, Miss Mary Jane, will become the bride of Mr. Douglas Wyche White.

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ENGAGEMENT OF MISS WISE OF INTEREST IN NEW YORK.

The engagement of Miss Louise Wise to Mr. Laurence Lewis, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been learned with much interest in New York, Asheville and other cities where Miss Wise visits frequently. The New York Herald reaching Wilmington yesterday carries a photograph of Miss Wise in connection with the announcement which is made in a special dispatch from Asheville as follows:

"Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wise, of Wilmington, N. C., today announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Louise Wise, to Mr. Laurence Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Lewis, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. The engagement is of widespread interest, Miss Wise being the niece of Mrs. Robert Worth Bingham, who before her marriage recently was Mrs. Henry M. Flagler. Just before her marriage Miss Wise's aunt announced that the young woman would inherit the bulk of the Flagler fortune.

"The romance of Miss Wise and Mr. Lewis was noted during the autumn at White Sulphur Springs, where his parents have a place, and where Miss Wise also passed some time. The wedding will take place soon after Easter.

"Mr. Lewis belongs to a prominent Ohio family. He is a member of several well known clubs and fond of outdoor sports, as is his fiancee. The announcement comes as a surprise to Miss Wise's friends in this city, many of whom will go to Wilmington for the wedding in the spring."

In connection with this dispatch The Herald has the following:

"Miss Wise makes her home at Wilmington, N. C., with her parents, but frequently has been a guest of her aunt here at Whitehall; Mrs. Bingham's house at Palm Beach, Fla., and at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. Miss Wise was at the latter place at the time Mrs. Flagler's engagement to Mr. Bingham was announced. She came to New York and remained with her aunt until the wedding, and was one of the small group of guests at the ceremony at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones, No. 5 East 61st street, on November 15. Following the wedding Miss Wise returned to Wilmington with her parents.

"Miss Wise also is a niece of Mr. William R. Kenan, of this city and Lockport, N. Y., who announced the engagement of his sister, Mrs. Flagler, to Mr. Bingham.

"In designating her niece, who is 20 years old, as the one to eventually receive her wealth, Mrs. Bingham said to a Herald reporter:

"I have no children of my own. Miss Wise is the youngest member of my family circle and eventually will inherit the responsibilities that now rest upon me. Great wealth brings responsibilities to those who possess it. Miss Louise Wise is one of many young women I know or know of capable or more capable than mot men in making wealth do the greatest amount of good. She is one of the brightest, sunniest young women you can imagine and possesses, I am glad to say, a wealth of common sense'."

LOCAL DOTS.

—The electrical fixtures installed in the French Millinery Store by Dixon & Kermon, attracted much favorable comment from pedestrians on Princess street yesterday.

—Archdeacon Thos. P. Noe read a paper on "Why I Believe in the Episcopal System of Church Government," at the weekly session of the Wilmington Ministerial Association Monday. This paper was one of the series on church doctrine.

—Mr. D. R. MacInnes, of Detroit, Mich., who has been engaged in tree surgery work for several years, has arrived in the city to spend a few weeks. He was here six years ago with the Davie Tree Expert Company and has many friends here who are glad to see him again. He is now working for himself and has associated with him Mr. Lynch.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. E. C. Williams, of Clinton, was in the city last night on business.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Wilmington yesterday were W. L. Gilbert, Atkinson; C. S. Carter, Warsaw.

Mr. Ira F. Cates, city editor of the Dispatch, resumed his duties yesterday after having been confined to his room for several days.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Orton yesterday were T. L. Gibson, Fayetteville; Rev. R. M. Fitts, Shallotte; John J. Rivers, Sanford; Rodolph Duffy, Esq., Catherine Lake; P. R. Smith, J. M. Clark, Elizabethtown; Alfred M. McLean, Lillington.

BIG ORDER IS PLACED FOR VICKERS MACHINE GUNS

Contracts Let by War Department Yesterday Total $5,500,000.

Washington, Dec. 19.—In accordance with the original recommendations of the special machine gun board, the War Department today let contract for four thousand Vickers machine guns and accessories at a cost of $5,500,000 and announced that additional contracts soon would be let which would bring the sum to be expended on such weapons for the regular army and National Guard up to about $9,500,000.

The department's decision was construed as finally disposing of the suggestion that the Lewis machine gun, concerning which there has been a bitter controversy, should be adopted as the army standard. A reserve fund of about $1,500,000 will be held pending further tests of the various types of guns, a number of which may be purchased for experimental purposes.

WATCHING FOR SHARKS.

Now Badly Wanted by Fishermen, for Value of the Skins.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 19. — It is not often the case that sharks are caught down off Morehead City and Beaufort, but there is no doubt of the fact that there are a number of these big fish in the waters off those places, and, hereafter the fishermen will endeavor to land them whenever the opportunity is afforded them.

Fishermen at those points have been advised that they can sell the skins of sharks caught by them at good prices, these being used in making the tops of certain varieties of high grade shoes, and now every fisherman there is keeping his eyes peeled for the fins of a shark, and along with his fishing tackle he is carrying a high-powered rifle with which to kill this monster of the deep when he is hooked.

LINER POWHATAN ABANDONED.

Storm Drives Sunken Ship in Chesapeake Bay Several Feet Deeper.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 19—Captain Chase, his crew of 20-odd and the wreckers on the Merchants & Miners steamship Powhatan, sunk off Willoughby beach, Chesapekae Bay, were forced to abandon the ship early this morning. Wireless calls were sent out for assistance during last night and were responded to by the Howard, of the same line, and later by the coast guard cutter Yamacraw. The storm drove the Powhatan six or more feet deeper into the sand causing the high running seas to break through cabin windows and force those on board to seek safety on the ship's superstructure.

DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.

Met at noon.

Commerce committee heard advocates and opponents of flood control bill.

General Scott resumed his statement urging universal military training before military committee.

Debate continued on District of Columbia Prohibition bill.

Rejected, 38 to 38, Underwood amendment for referendum on District of Columbia prohibition bill.

Adjourned at 5:25 p. m. to noon Wednesday.

HOUSE.

Met at 11 a. m.

Resumed consideration legislative appropriation bill.

Secretary Baker and General Crozier testified before Military committee.

Captain Sims testified before Naval committee.

Consideration of Adamson resolution extending life of Newlands railroad investigating committee for one year was temporarily blocked.

Passed Legislative, Executive and Judiciary Appropriation bill, carrying $39,000,000, and providing wage increase for 16,000 government clerks.

Took up District of Columbia Appropriation bill.

Adopted resolution to recess from December 22 to January 2.

Adjourned at 4:51 p. m. to 11 a. m. Wednesday.

WEIGH MORE THAN 8 OUNCES

Bakers Say Labels on Bread Indicate Minimums and Not Actual Weight—Their Statements.

Consumers in Wilmington, who have been much concerned of late over the weight and price of bread and who have not been sufficiently curious to put their purchases on the scales to definitely ascertain their heft, will no doubt be glad to learn that the label reading "8 ounces or over" does not necessarily mean that the six-cent loaf on which it is placed actually weighs only a half-pound, or eight ounces.

An official of the Globe Baking Company, in commenting last night on the bread situation as discussed by a consumer in The Star yesterday, explained that although the six-cent loaves of bread sold and distributed in the city by his company are now stamped "8 ounces or over," as a matter of fact they weigh 11 ounces or over, or approximately eleven and one-half ounces.

The loaves of bread are stamped in this manner, he said, in order to comply with the city ordinance which prescribes that loaves shall only be sold in half-pound, pound and two, three, four, five and six pound sizes and in no other way. According to the official in question, the cost of producing bread has been greatly increased on account of the high cost of flour, wrapping paper and having to label the loaves.

May Decrease Price.

Mr. W. T. Farris, of Farris' Bakery, also stated last night that his bakery had not decreased the size of the loaf since the recent investigation conducted by Recorder George Harriss and that he was merely complying with the law in labeling the bread "8 ounces or over" and that, as a matter of fact, these so-called half-loaves actually weigh 12 ounces. He added that if flour continues to decrease in price, he hopes by the first of the year to be able to sell a 12-ounce loaf for five cents. He stated that flour had gone down a little recently, and if it should continue to decrease in price he would be only too glad to put the old five-cent loaf back on the market.

Some two years ago, before the price of flour and other materials began to soar, 16 ounces, or one pound, was the standard used by bakers generally for a five-cent loaf; that is, they weighed out sufficient dough to weigh that much when baked. After it had dried out it generally lost a fraction of an ounce in weight. Later on, when flour went up, it is stated, they scale their five-cent loaf to weigh 12 ounces. And still later, they increased the price of the loaf weighing approximately 12 ounces to six cents.

As was revealed in the hearing conducted before Recorder Harriss and the investigation of local officers who made purchases from local bakers, loaves were sold on the Wilmington market for six cents which varied in weight from 10 3-4 ounces to 11 3-4 ounces. Bread shipped in from out-of-town bakers to dealers, it was shown, weighed about the same for a six-cent loaf.

BRITISH PRISONERS ARE SAID TO BE IN A SERIOUS CONDITION

Urgent Representations Being Made to Turkey by United States.

Washington, Dec. 19. — Urgent representations are being made to Turkey by the American government in an effort to secure the forwarding of relief supplies to British prisoners of war, who were described in a note received at the State Department today from the British embassy to be in a most serious condition.

Ambassador Elkus, at Constantinople, already has sought diligently but without success permission to send the men relief from a large fund which has been placed at his disposal by the British government. British and State Department reports indicate that the situation of the men is very bad, but they give almost no details as to their number or location.

The American ambassador is known to be under great difficulty in dealing with Turkey, owing to the many serious diplomatic questions which are pressing between the two governments. The situation is most delicate and dangerous, because a break in relations would leave nearly all foreign interests in Turkey without direct diplomatic representation.

"BOB" GONZALES IS ILL.

Paragrapher of Columbia State in Base Hospital at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 19.—Robert E. Gonzales, paragrapher of the Columbia State, is ill with pneumonia in the base hospital at Ft. Bliss, Texas, according to telegrams received here from Lieut. W. C. McGowan, of the Second Regiment machine gun company, and Capt. Isadore Schayer, of the regimental medical staff. They stated that his case should reach its climateric stage in two days. Gonzales is a sergeant in the machine gun company.

PRIVATE WILSON DIES

South Carolina Trooper Succumbs to Pneumonia at the Border.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 19.—Preston J. Wilson, a private of M Company, Second South Carolina infantry, died today from pneumonia. Wilson's death was the seventh among the troops here from pneumonia within a week. Wilson lived in Columbia, S. C.

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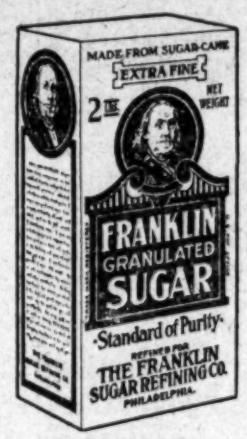

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IN THE REALM OF SPORTS

DAVIDSON MEN GET LETTERS; BOB WALKER FOOTBALL CAPTAIN.

Davidson, N. C., Dec. 19.—At a recent meeting of the athletic association the report of the executive committee was given in regard to the awarding of letters to the men who had done good work on the football field. Fourteen "D's" were awarded to men who made the first squad and 14 "D. C.'s" were given to those who made the second squad. One man received a "D" and three stars—Steve Walker. Six men received a "D" and two stars—Black, Laird, Keesler, Bob Walker, Ben White and Sayad. Three men received a "D" and one star—Lawson, Grey and T. L. White. Four men received a "D" for the first time—Burns, King, Shaw and Paisley. Bob Walker, who received a "D" and two stars, has been elected as captain of the team in 1917.

Those elected to be allowed to wear the "D. C." are Spann, Finley, Flowers, Singleton, Elliott, Elmore, J. W. McAlister, G. S. Crouch, W. B. Crouch, Robeson, McKinnon, Watkins, Macorell and J. B. Pharr. It has been suggested and passed by the athletic association that those men who win letters be allowed into all entertainments held on the campus free of charge in appreciation for their services on the team.

ARMSTRONG ELECTED MANAGER CAROLINA FOOTBALL TEAM

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 19.—Ray Armstrong, of Belmont, has just been elected manager of the North Carolina football team for next year. Walter Feimster, of Newton, and Jack Powell, of Roxobel, were elected assistant managers. Armstrong was one of the assistant managers for this year.

R. M. Ross, Jr., and H. D. Sharpe represented the University in the debate in Washington City with the debating team representing George Washington University. The question discussed was the compulsory arbitration of disputes between capital and labor. The annual soph-junior debate will be held on Thursday night, Wilson and Eaton representing the Dialectic Society and Stephenson and Miles the Philanthropic. A compulsory social insurance law will be argued.

CAROLINA AND YALE TO PLAY AT NEW HAVEN NEXT SEASON.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 19.—Yale, Georgia, Virginia and South Carolina are the important games arranged for the 1917 football schedule of the University of North Carolina football team, which was announced today. Yale will be played at New Haven, November 3, Georgia at Athens, October 27; South Carolina at Chapel Hill October 20, and the University of Virginia at Chapel Hill, November 29, Thanksgiving Day.

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(Advertisement).

A. & M. FOOTBALL SCHEDULE FOR NEXT YEAR ANNOUNCED

West Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 19.— The football schedule of the North Carolina Aggies has been announced. The most notable change is that Washington & Lee, who has been the opponent on Thanksgiving Day for the past three years, is replaced by West Virginia University. The game will be staged at Morganton, West Virginia.

The schedule is as follows

Oct. 5—Davidson at Raleigh.
Oct. 13.—Roanoke at Raleigh.
Oct. 18—Wake Forest at Raleigh.
Oct. 27.—Washington & Lee at Lexington.
Nov. 3—Pending.
Nov. 10—V. M. I. at Richmond.
Nov. 17.—V. P. I. at Norfolk.
Nov. 29—West Virginia University at Morganton.

LAREAU HAS ARRIVED.

Reached Wilmington Early Yesterday Morning—Is Masked.

Louis Lareau, the masked wrestler who meets Fritz Hanson at Woolvin Hall Friday night, arrived in the city early yesterday morning, and is now hard at work preparing for the clash. Following his usual custom he still wears the black mask that completely hides his identity.

PREMIER LLOYD-GEORGE'S REPLY TO PEACE PROPOSAL

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was self defense, menaced, I suppose, by the overwhelming armies of Belgium. I suppose the Germans have been intimidated into invading Belgium and burning Belgian cities and villages, into massacreing thousands of the inhabitants, old and young, into carrying off the survivors into bondage. Yea, and they were carrying them into slavery at the very moment when this vote was being written about their unswerving conviction as to the respect due the rights of other nations.

"Are these outrages the legitimate interest of Germany? We must know. This is not a moment for peace. If excuses of this kind for palpable crimes can be put forward two and a half years after exposure by grim facts, is there any guarantee that similar subterfuges will not be used in the future to overthrow any treaty of peace you may enter into with Prussian militarism?"

"The note and speech proves that they have not yet learned the alphabet of respect for the rights of others.

No Peace Without Reparation.

"Without reparation, peace is impossible. Are all these outrages against humanity on land and sea to be liquidated by a few pious phrases about humanity? Germany leaves us to exact the damage for all future violence committed after the war. We must exact it now, so as not to leave such a grim inheritance to our children.

"Much as we all long for peace, deeply as we are horrified with war, this note and speech, which heralded it, do not afford us much encouragement to hope for an honorable and lasting peace.

"What hope is given in the speech that the whole root and cause of this great bitterness, the arrogant spirit of the Prussian military caste, will not be as dominant as ever, if we patch up peace now? The very speech in which these peace suggestions are made resounds to the boast of Prussian military triumph. It is a long paean over the victory of Von Hindenburg.

Must Adhere to Purpose.

"We must keep a steadfast eye upon the purpose for which we entered the war; otherwise the great sacrifices we have been making will be in vain. The German note states that it was for the defense of their existence and the freedom of national development that the Central Powers were constrained to take up arms. Such phrases are intended to delude the German nation into supporting the designs of the Prussian military caste, who ever wished to put an end to their national existence or freedom of development. We welcomed their development so long as was on the paths of peace.

"The Allies entered this war to defend Europe against the aggression of Prussian military domination and having begun it, they must insist that the only end is the most complete effective guarantee against the possibility of that caste ever again disturbing the peace of Europe. Prussia since she got into the hands of that caste, has been a bad neighbor, arrogant, threatening, bullying, shifting her boundaries at her will and taking one fair field after another from her weaker neighbors and adding them to her own dominions.

Unpleasant, Disturbing Neighbor

"Be her belt ostentatious full of weapons of offense and ready at a moment's notice to use them, she has always been an unpleasant, disturbing neighbor in Europe. She got thoroughly on the nerves of Europe; there was no peace where she dwelt. It is difficult for those who are fortunate enough to live thousands of miles away to understand what it has meant to those who live near.

"Even here, with the protection of broad seas between us, we know what a disturbing factor the Prussians were with their constant naval menace. But we can hardly realize what it meant to France and Russia. Several times there were threats directed against them even within the lifetime of this generation, which presented the alternative of war or humiliation. There were many of us who hoped that the internal influence in Germany would be strong enough to check and ultimately eliminate it.

Must Submit Other Terms.

"Now that this great war has been forced by the Prussian leaders, it would be folly not to see to it that this swashbuckling through the streets of Europe and this disturbance of peaceful citizens was dealt with here and now as the most serious offense against the law of nations.

"We will wait until we hear what terms and guarantees the German government offer other than those, better than those, surer than those, which she so lightly broke. And meanwhile we shall put our trust in our unbroken army rather than in broken faith.

"For the moment, I do not think it would be advisable for me to add anything upon this particular invitation. A formal reply will be delivered by the Allies in the course of the next few days."

SOME OF THE MOST STRIKING SENTENCES IN THE SPEECH

The following are a few of the most striking sentences from the latter part of Mr. Lloyd-George's speech:

"An absolutely new army! The old had done its duty and spent itself in the achievement of that great task. This is a new army—New men, new officers taken from schools, boys from schools, from colleges, from counting houses, never trained to war; never thought of war; many, perhaps, never handled a weapon of war; generals never given an opportunity of handling great masses of men.

"They have faced the greatest army in the world, the greatest army the world has ever seen; the best equipped, the best trained and they have beaten them, beaten them, beaten them. * * *

"I have no doubt that the old cabinet were better adapted to navigate the parliamentary river, with its shoals and shifting sands, and perhaps for a cruise in home waters. But a cabinet of 23 was rather top-heavy for a gale. I do not say that this new craft is best adapted for parliamentary navigation, but I am convinced that it is best for war.

"You can't run a war with a sanhedrin. That is the meaning of our cabinet of five. * * *

"There are hundreds of thousands who have given their lives, there are millions who have given up comfortable homes and exchanged them for daily communion with death. Multitudes have given up those whom they loved best! Let the nation as a whole place its comforts, its luxuries, its indulgencies, its elegances on the national altar consecrated by such sacrifices as these men have made! Let us proclaim during the war a national Lent! The nation will be better and stronger for it, mentally and morally, as well as physically.

"Our armies have driven the enemy out of the battered villages of France and across the devastated plains of Belgium; they might hurl him across the Rhine in battered disarray. But unless the nation as a whole shoulders part of the burden of victory it would profit by the triumph, for it is not what a nation gains but what it gives that makes it great."

THE CONCLUDING REMARKS IN THE PREMIER'S SPEECH.

The Premier's peroration was as follows:

"If in this war I have paid scant heed to the call of party, it is because I realized from the moment the Prussian cannon hurled death at a peaceable and inoffensive little country, that a challenge had been sent to civilization to decide an issue higher than party, deeper than party, wider than all parties, an issue, upon the settlement of which will depend the fate of the men in this world for generations, when existing parties will have fallen like dead leaves on the highway.

"Those issues are the issues I want to keep in front of the nation, so that we shall not falter or faint in our resolution.

"There is a time in every prolonged and fierce war, when in the passion and rage of conflict, men forget the high purpose with which they entered it. This is a struggle for international right, international honor, international good faith— the channel along which peace, honor and good will must flow among men.

"The embankments laboriously built up by generations of men against barbarism have been broken and had not the might of Britain passed into the breach Europe would have been inundated with a flood of savagery and unbridled lust of power. * * *

"I wish it were possible to remove the misunderstanding between Great Britain and Ireland which, for centuries, has been such a source of misery to one and an embarrassment and weakness to the other. I should consider it a great victory for the Allied forces.

"I tried once to remove the misunderstanding between England and Ireland. I was drenched with suspicion of Irishmen by Englishmen and of Englishmen by Irishmen and, with result and most fatal of all, suspicion by Irishmen of Irishmen. It was quagmire of distrust which clogged my footsteps and made progress impossible. That is the real enemy of Ireland. I have always thought and said that the real solution of the Irish problem is largely one of better atmosphere. I am speaking not merely for myself but for my colleagues when I say we shall strive to produce that better feeling."

TOUCHED UPON THE GENERAL POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT

After dealing with the peace problem Mr. Lloyd-George touched upon the general policy of the new government. He said the harvests of the United States and Canada were failures and that Argentina promised badly. Russia was unavailable and the English harvest was poor. A food dictator had been decided upon.

"Announcement was made that more drastic steps would be taken regarding excess profits and that a director of national service was proposed who would begin by scheduling all industries and services, according to their service, according to their character as essential or non-essential to the war. A military director would recruit the army. Industries classed as dispensable would be drawn upon for men for the army or for indispensable industries."

After making an announcement in regard to nationalization or shipping, Mr. Lloyd-George said he hoped shortly to announce the plan for more effective use of ships and construction of new ships.

The premier said he had to paint a stern but not gloomy picture of the war. The Rumanian blunder at its worst only prolonged the war and could not affect. To prevent the Rumanian situation becoming worse strong action had been taken in Greece and the agent of former Premier Venizelos had been recognized.

He referred to the growth of the British armies on the western front and added:

"I am convinced ultimate victory is sure if the nation shows the same spirit of endurance and readiness to learn as the mud-stained armies at the front."

Unity of aim and action among the Allies were necessary, said the premier. He paid a tribute to the constributions of the dominions and said they should be more fully consulted as to the progress of the war.

"We propose, therefore," he said "to summon soon an imperial conference and lay the whole position before the dominions and take counsel with them as to what further action they and we should take in order to achieve an early triumph."

The premier said his break with Premier Asquith was one of the deepest regrets of his life. "Some of my friends know how I strove to avert the parting. I am proud to say we never had a personal quarrel. It was with the deepest regret that I found it necessary to resign."

Mr. Asquith in beginning his address

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You remember where it left you last week. Helen was rowing up the river to beat the villains to the land office to lay claim for the rich mine which had been left her by the dying friend. Now what do you suppose happens before she ends her journey. We're not going to tell you here, but you may bet your sweet life that it is one of the very biggest thrills ever registered on a screen anywhere. You dont want to miss this great chapter of thrills, whatever else you may miss today.

There is another rare treat in store for Bijou patrons today, in which is presented for the first time in many months, that great favorite, King Baggot, with beautiful Jane Gail supporting him, in a mammoth two-reel Universal Imp drama, "The Heel of the Law," one of the most tense and spectacular two-reelers in which this inimitable dramatic star has ever appeared. Don't miss this, it's a rare treat.

Alice Howell also makes her first appearance in several months, presenting her latest great L-Ko comedy scream, "Tattle Tale Alice."

"The Prince of Pilsen"

Of considerable importance to local music lovers is the announcement that an elaborate revival of Pixley and Luders' best and most famous musical comedy, "The Prince of Pilsen," will include this city in its itinerary. The organization is headed by Charles Horne and Estella Birney and there will be an augmented orchestra.

"The Birth of a Nation."

It is a well known fact that lovers of photoplays have their favorites among the actors in the cast and rave over their cleverness and personal charm as if they were before them on the legitimate stage in actual flesh and blood.

Mae Marsh, who plays Flora Cameron, the younger daughter of the Southern household in "The Birth of a Nation," which will play the Academy Christmas day and the day following, has by her elf-like charm and naive personality attracted many admirers who greet with pleasure and enthusiasm her every appearance on the screen.

Miss Marsh has many fine bits of acting in this picture. Among the most engrossing are the scenes in the cellar with Miriam Cooper; the making of "Southern ermine" with raw cotton and chimney soot; the welcoming of her brother, the "Little Confederate Colonel" back from the war; the pretty scene where she rains kisses on her brother Ben's mouth to console him for the temporary loss of his sweetheart Elsie, and her sad death in her brother's arms.

She was discovered by David W. Griffith, the producer of so many film triumphs, long before he made "The Birth of a Nation."

The matinee prices will be from 50 cents to $1. The night prices will range from 50 cents to $1.50. Tickets will go on sale Friday morning at 9 o'clock at Elvington's Pharmacy.

Billie Burke's Farewell.

Today at the Grand will be screened the final appearance of Miss Billie Burke on the screen, as it has been announced that she will not appear again in pictures after the closing of Gloria's Romance. And in the final chapter of that charming and fascinating serial Miss Burke bids her friends good-bye with one of the most charming bits of acting ever seen on a screen. Whether or not you have been following this great serial, you will want to witness the last screen appearance of this internationally famous and fascinating star, and you will want to see one of the most unique, forceful and fascinating finales ever hinged onto any serial achievement—it is at the Grand today, the final and 20th chapter of "Gloria's Romance."

Marc MacDermotte and Miriam Nesbitt appear in one of the very greatest five-reel dramas of the year, "The Catspaw."

Marvelous double exposure photography has aided in making this Kleine-Edison feature unique for fascinating suspense, perfectly mirroring the charm and grip of the book, "a best seller." Marc MacDermott was never more at home than in depicting with deft skill the two roles he plays—one the gentleman society burglar and the other a "double," who unconsciously furnishes the alibi for him. Easily one of the greatest crook characters on the screen, yet savoring nothing of the "crook" play. Every scene presents a twist of surprise. Masterfully plotted to hold suspense convincingly. Miriam Nesbitt equally skilled, as his crafty companion.

Triangle Girls at the Royal.

"The Mashers" was presented yesterday at the Royal to three well filled houses and made a decided hit. The cast of the "Triangle Girls" is a capable one and the vaudeville features are highly pleasing, especially so of Mr. Hy Jensen in his yodelling specialty, which always calls for several encores at each performance. "The Triangle Trio" is another hit of the show in their comedy songs, while Danny Lund, the capable comedian of the company with his amusing songs and jokes provokes continual merriment. The bill will change at the matinee today when the company will present the laughable farce comedy, "King of the Hereafter," with an entire change of specialties, scenery and wardrobe. There are three performances daily; matinees at 3:30 and nights at 7:30 and 9:00 o'clock.

Helen Holmes in "A Lass of the Lumberlands" at the Bijou Today.

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The "Unwise Acts" of Women Seeking Suffrage.

(From the New York Times.)

There is something of excuse and even of reason for the carefully expressed resentment with which Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt protests against holding all women, or even all women suffragists responsible for the unwise acts, or worse, of individual women or groups of women. Such criticism of women does contain the same element of injustice that would mark its application to men because of the existence among them of fools and criminals, and the logic is no better in one case than in the other.

But, though the reality of Mrs. Catt's grievance cannot be denied, and though she may well complain about the deduction of adverse conclusions concerning herself and women of like mind from the doings of women with whose policies and conduct she and her friends do not sympathize — policies and conduct which she and they now condemn — yet the wrong which they have suffered is one largely of their own creation. When it serves their purposes, the suffragists of every faction do not hesitate to assume that there is such a thing as "the woman vote"—that women as a party as well as a sex will act as one for or against candidates and measures.

We have heard of this solidarity so often—to some men its support has so often been promised and some men have so often been threatened with its antagonism—that it's little wonder the whole of suffragism now and then suffers in public esteem because of foolish or wrong things done by those who claim to represent its opinions and its ambitions.

Of course, we all do know—and much better since the election than before it—that, as Mrs. Catt says, "there are as many kinds of women as there are kinds of men." This we have learned from experience, however, much more than from suffragist speeches and writings. These, as a rule, with exceptions so few as to be easily forgotten, present by implication that, if not all women, at least all women possessed of or seeking the franchise, think much alike, particularly on questions involving moral obligations. All the prophecies of great reforms to be accomplished when every woman has a vote rest on what Mrs. Catt quite correctly describes as a false assumption, but, if the suffragists will persist in basing most of their demands on that same fallacy, they should not complain too bitterly when its acceptance and utilization by their antagonists give them pain.

DONALD TRIP
As General Grant in "The Birth of a Nation," Academy, Christmas Day.

LOVE MAY BE BLIND.

Lovers, However, Should Retain Their Normal Vision.

(From Detroit Press.)

"Because love is blind is no excuse for lovers being blind," ruled Theodore Richter, justice of the peace, Wednesday. "Your love blindness will cost you just $55," added the Judge to Furlow F. Gruel.

It was an embarrassing case for a young man like Mr. Gruel. He ran his machine into the automobile of Dr. George Campbell, 2394 West Grand Boulevard. Dr. Campbell's car was motionless, standing along the curb at the time.

"Weren't you thinking more of Miss Lillian Trempler, with whom you were having a little trouble then, than of running your car?" asked Frank H. Martin, attorney for Dr. Campbell.

Mr. Gruel flushed, stammered and finally said that he was paying attention to the driving all right, but that the lights on the doctor's machine were not lighted, and that was why he did not see the car and ran into it. Mr. Gruel admitted that Miss Trempler lived at 2388 West Grand Boulevard, right next door.

He admitted that he had been having a little trouble with Lillian. Then Mr. Gruel, Sr., took the stand and denied that his son was pointing out the residence of Miss Trempler.

Mrs. Max Trempler, mother of Lillian, after the trial said that Furlow Gruel and her daughter Lillian were good friends—in fact, engaged to be married. She refused to comment except with a laugh on the cause of the automobile collision. Miss Lillian was equally reticent, but she also considered the matter a good joke.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 19.—President W. B. Bradley, of the Virginia Baseball League, has called a meeting of the directors to be held in Norfolk on January 6th when the circuit for the 1917 season and the schedule will be discussed. Tht franchise of Hopewell, which dropped out of the league during the past season, is to ze placed. An effort also will be made to straighten out the Norfolk tangle caused by a players' strike last season and alleged indebtedness of the club.

BILLIE BURKE
In the Final Chapter of "Gloria's Romance" at the Grand Today.

NOTABLES ATTENDING "MOVIE" CONVENTION

N. C. Motion Picture Exhibitors' League in Charlotte.

Addresses Delivered by President Wells, W. Stephen Bush and Others at Opening Session of Convention Last Night.

(By D. M. Bain).

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 19.—'Tis fitting that "The City of Electrical Energy" should welcome within its gates a big convention of those identified with the greatest industry which has sprung up as a result of the wonderful development of electricity, and so Charlotte today gave a rousing welcome to the North Carolina Motion Picture Exhibitors' League, whose delegates from almost every town and hamlet in the State will continue business and social sessions here tomorrow and Thursday.

Besides the exhibitors of North Carolina, Charlotte has as her honored guests for the convention period several celebrities whose names are known throughout America, their attendance at the convention of a State organization still in its swaddling clothes paying high tribute to the work that this State's league has done for the industry since its organization barely two years ago.

Chief among the notables in attendance at the convention is William A. Brady, of New York City, one of the oldest and best known theatrical men in America, at the head of the World Film Corporation, also president of the National Association of the Motion Picture Industry, an allied organization of the big producing companies and exhibitors of America. Mr. Brady will address the convention Wednesday night.

W. Stephen Bush, editor of the Exhibitors' Trade Review, of New York, the official organ of the M. P. E. L. A., has honored the convention with his presence and delivered an able address before the delegates this evening, a powerful arraignment of those who would muzzle art and handcuff her through motion picture censorship, defending the good name of the motion picture, meeting and downing the opposition of self-confessed reformers and the ignorance and prejudice of the enemies of the screen, shooting the cannon of freedom against the citadel of those whose brains are still befuddled with the miasms of the dark ages; awakening them to the consciousness that a new age has dawned; an era of miracle come true, of revelations piling helter-skelter upon each other, of new forces, new ideals.

Cranston Brenton, chairman of the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures, that tremendous and powerful organization of a thousand tentacles which passes upon all pictures and sits at the gateway through which all motion pictures must pass before they reach the American public, is another notable guest and will address the convention tomorrow evening.

The convention held its first session tonight at 8 o'clock, Mayor T. L. Kirkpatrick delivering a happy welcoming address in which he paid high tribute to the motion picture industry and to the high class of men who are upholding it throughout North Carolina as well as the nation. Response in behalf of the league was made by Percy W. Wells, of Wilmington, president of the State League.

In his address President Wells complimented and thanked Charlotte for the rousing reception accorded the exhibitors, declaring that never in the history of the league had such a royal welcome been extended them. Mr. Wells also took occasion to thank the many notable personages in the industry who have honored the convention with their presence and declared that he indeed felt flattered that during the year and a half that he had held the

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

NEW YORK SPOT COTTON 17.80

Three Sensational Price Movements With Market Active and Excited. Loss of 58 to 73 Points.

New York, Dec. 19.—There were three distinct and sensational price movements in the cotton market today with trading active and excited. After closing at 18.21 last night, May broke to 17.50 this morning, rallied to 18.20 and then broke again to 17.50, closing at that level, with the general list closing irregular at a net loss of 58 to 73 points.

The market opened steady at a decline of 6 to 24 points in response to disappointing cables and before midday showed a net loss of 61 to 71 points with January selling at 17.15 and March at 17.35. Heavy Liverpool selling seemed to strengthen an impression that Lloyd-George's speech in parliament would be unfavorable to peace prospects and numerous stop loss orders were uncovered. Rumors that private returns showed a ginning of 14,870,000 bales to December 13 probably encouraged selling. After the close of Liverpool pressure became less urgent and the market steadied. The first extracts of the Lloyd-George speech to reach the trade were considered unfavorable but later advices suggested that the British attitude had left a loophole for negotiations and the market rallied almost as rapidly during the early afternoon as it had previously declined. January sold up to 17.70 and March to 18.02, or back to nearly last night's closing prices, but around this level the market encountered renewed liquidation and the lowest prices of the day were reached in the late trading, with January selling at 17.02 and March at 17.30.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	17.51	17.51	17.13	16.98
Jan.	17.70	17.71	17.02	17.03
March	17.91	18.02	17.30	17.30
May	18.00	18.20	17.50	17.50
July	18.01	18.22	17.52	17.52
Oct.	16.30	16.30	15.80	15.80

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 17.80; sales 300 bales.

PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling 17.50; receipts 10,017; sales 702; stock 474,327.

Galveston—Middling 17.60; receipts 18,222; exports 23,536; sales 450; stock 399,103.

Mobile—Middling 17.75; receipts 976; stock 16,932.

Savannah—Middling 18.25; receipts 1,862; exports 8,946; stock 199,982.

Charleston—Receipts 55; stock 74,162.

Wilmington—Receipts 39; stock 48,856.

Norfolk—Middling 17.00; receipts 2,108; exports 1,101; sales 53; stock 112,008.

Baltimore—Stock 6,076.

Boston—Middling 18.10; receipts 334; stock 3,600.

Philadelphia—Middling 18.05; receipts 64; stock 933.

New York—Middling 17.80; receipts 211; exports 5,994; stock 145,426.

Minor Ports—Stock 40,070.

Total today—Receipts 29,287; exports 39,577; stock 1,526,476.

Total for week—Receipts 88,258; exports 117,309.

Total for season—Receipts 4,641,535; exports 2,911,335.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling 17.25; receipts 10,015; shipments 5,942; sales 646; stock 282,122.

Memphis—Middling 18.00; receipts 9,192; shipments 5,258; sales 75; stock 207,240.

Augusta—Middling 18.25; receipts 670; shipments 164; sales 122; stock 147,484.

St. Louis—Receipts 7,239; shipments 7,014; stock 32,236.

Cincinnati—Receipts 755; shipments 508; stock 23,740.

Little Rock—Middling 18.00; receipts 702; shipments 224; sales 224; stock 54,276.

Dallas—Middling 16.65; sales 1,460.

Montgomery—Middling 17.75; sales 23

Total today—Receipts 29,163; shipments 19,110; stock 847,089.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 19.—Spot cotton weak; good middling 10.81; middling 10.71; low middling 10.55; sales 10,000 bales; 500 for speculation and export; receipts 18,000 bales.

Futures weak. December 10.18; December and January 10.15; January and February 10.16; February and March 10.22; March and April 10.28; April and May 10.33; May and June 10.38; June and July 10.37; July and August 10.37; August and September 10.13; September and October 9.78; October and November 9.67; November and December 9.59; December and January 9.55.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 19.—Cotton goods in the gray and cotton yarns were easier today. Men's wear was firm. Ribbons were more active. Jobbers reported a seasonably quiet trade.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Loss of $5.30 a Bale on Weakest Months. Peace Situation Dominates.

New Orleans, Dec. 19.—International politics was the dominating influence in the cotton market here today and extreme nervousness and weakness prevailed during the greater part of the session, an extreme loss on the weakest months of about $5.30 a bale resulting. Opinion was conflicting regarding the importance of foreign dispatches and the situation was further complicated by expectations of bearish ginning returns in tomorrow's report by the Census Bureau.

In the early afternoon there was a sudden show of strength and prices bulged strongly on what looked like a badly oversold market, although some held the opinion that the utterances before parliament indicating a continuance of the war, were a bullish feature. Trading months rose to within 15 to 27 points of yesterady's last prices, which attracted the most furious selling of the day and values crumbled away rapidly under it. The close was nervous within a point of the lowest, a net loss of 66 to 70 points. Closing bid:

Dec. 16.65; Jan. 16.61; March 16.86; May 17.08; July 17.25; Oct. 15.50.

Spot cotton quiet; 50 points off, sales on the spot 62 bales; to arrive 640; middling 17.50.

WHEAT BUT LITTLE CHANGED

Prices Drop After a Sky-Rocket Advance of Over 7 Cents—Rise Caused by Attitude Toward Peace.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—After a sky rocket ascent of 7 1-4 today, wheat prices fell 7 1-2 and closed in a state of semi-collapse at a range varying wildly from 3-4c under yesterday's finish to 7-8c net advance, with May at 1.64 3-4 to 1.65 1-8, and July at 1.38 3-4 to 1.38 7-8. The rise was due to a general impression that Great Britain had rejected outright the German overtures for peace. Ensuing assertions that nevertheless a loop hole for a peace conference still remained, were responsible for the subsequent drop in values. Corn lost 1 1-8 to 1 1-2c; oats 3-8 to 3-4, and provisions 2 1-2 to 15c.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—May 1.64 3-4; July 1.38 3-4.

Corn—May 91 7-8; July 91 3-8.

Oats—May 53; July 50 1-2.

Pork—January 26.65; May 26.35.

Lard—January 15.87; May 15.95.

Ribs—January 13.65; May 14.05.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2 red nominal; No. 3 red nominal; No. 2 hard and No. 3 hard nominal.

Corn—No. 2 yellow 95 3-4 to 96 1-2; No. 4 yellow 93 to 94 1-4; No. 4 white 93 to 94.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,233 tons, Heilasch, Haide & Co.

Str Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Haide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 19.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nominal.

ROSIN—Nominal.

TAR—Nominal.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Nominal.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 50½c.; rosin, $5.00 and $4.90; tar, $2.30-9c.; crude turpentine, nominal.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine .. ..(—)

Rosin 64

Tar .. .. .156

Crude Turpentine 22

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, 131 barrels; tar, 184 barrels; crude turpentine, 10 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market — Nominal; same day last year, 11¼c.

Receipts—39 bales; same day last year, 444 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 71,651 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 133,553 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

December 19, 1916.

Atlantic Coast Line—39 bales cotton; 50 barrels tar; 19 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—42 barrels tar; 3 barrels crude turpentine.

River—22 barrels tar.

Thelma—42 barrels tar.

Geneva Moore—64 barrels rosin.

Total—39 bales cotton; 64 barrels rosin; 156 barrels tar; 22 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 19.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 50c to 55c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$1.40 to $1.50 per bu.

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 28 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, 1 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green salt, 15c. to 16c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Ord hams, 23 to 25c.; sides and shoulders, 18c. to 19c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—35c. to 36c. dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 19. — North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers stock, fancy handpicked, $1.07; No. 1, machine, $1.00 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 65c; fancy handpicked, 60c; No. 1 machine picked, 55c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 19.—Spanish—Farmers' stock: Market, weak. New stock, $1.30 per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock: Market steady.

New stock—Fancy Jumbo, 4 1-4c per lb.; Extra Prime, 3 3-4c per lb; Prime, 3 1-2c per lb; Shelling stock, 3c to 3 1-4c per lb.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Dec. 19.—Beeves, no trading.

Calves—Steady; veals 10.00 to 15.00; culls 8.00 to 9.00; barn yard calves 6.00 to 7.00; Ohio and Indiana calves 6.50 to 9.00.

Sheep and Lambs—Steady; sheep ewes 7.00 to 9.00; culls 4.00 to 5.00; lambs 13.00 to 14.00; culls 8.00 to 10.00.

Hogs—Steady; pigs 9.00 to 10.30; rough 9.00.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 19.—Turpentine steady, 53c; receipts 856; shipments 3,270; stock 22,302.

Rosin—Firm; sales 1,341; receipts 2,930; shipments 2,370; stock 81,790. Quote: A B C D E F G H, 6.20; I, 6.25; K, 6.30; M, 6.50; N, 6.85; WG, 7.00; WW, 7.25.

RAILS REGISTER NET GAINS

Stocks Advance on British Premier's Announcement as to Peace Proposal But Later Decline.

New York, Dec. 19.—The stock market's initial response to the address of the British premier defining the attitude of his government toward Germany's proposal of peace negotiations, was a sweeping advance of 2 to 5 points in prominent issues, followed almost immediately by a reversal of as much or more.

On the set back, which was popularly attributed to a combination of profit-taking short selling and liquidation by bewildered investors, quotations fell in many instances to within hailing distance of last week's lowest levels and Utah Copper, Central Leather, some of the motors and their subsidiaries and Atlantic and Gulf West Indies established new minimums for the current downward movement.

Rails again registered pressure and closed at variable but net gains. Selling was somewhat unrestrained in the final hour which also witnessed lowest prices of the season. The ease with which prices rebounded 1 to 5 points on short covering was regarded as proof of the extent to which professional operations contributed to the extreme declines. United States Steel furnished more than its usual quota to the day's operations, the turnover in that stock approximating 570,000 shares, or almost one-third of the whole.

The declaration of an initial dividend on Republic Iron and Steel, common, receipts of another large installment of British gold from Canada and renewal of inquiries for steel and coppers were ignored in the more exciting incidents of the day.

The bond market failed in any marked essential to reflect the stock market. Total sales, par value, $3,240,000. United States bonds unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	27⅞
American Beet Sugar	98
American Can	50¼
American Car and Foundry	69
American Cotton Oil	51⅛
American Locomotive	79⅜
American Smelting	106⅜
American Sugar	112½
American Tel. and Tel	125⅝
American Tobacco	216
American Zinc	45¼
Anaconda Copper	86⅝
Atchison	105
Atlantic Coast Line	B.118
Baldwin Locomotive	67⅞
Baltimore and Ohio	85
Bethlehem Steel	572
Canadian Pacific	167½
Central Leather	92⅛
Chesapeake and Ohio	67
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	93⅜
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	37⅝
Colorado Fuel and Iron	47
Consolidated Gas	132½
Corn Products	24⅞
Crucible Steel	66½
Cuba Cane Sugar	53
Erie	36⅞
General Electric	170
Great Northern, pfd	116⅛
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	47
Goodrich	69¼
Illinois Central	106⅜
Inspiration Copper	58½
Int. Mer. Marine, pfd	102
International Nickel	43⅛
International Paper	47
Kansas City Southern	27
Kennecott Copper	47¼
Lehigh Valley	80
Louisville and Nashville	134
Liggett and Meyers	B.277
Lorillard Co	B.225
Maxwell Motors	59½
Mexican Petroleum	100⅛
National Lead	61½
New York Central	105¼
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	54⅜
Norfolk and Western	135⅞
Northern Pacific	111
Pennsylvania	56¼
Ray Consolidated Copper	27
Reading	108
Rep. Iron and Steel	79⅜
Seaboard Air Line	17
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	39
Sloss-Shef. Steel and Iron	65
Studebaker Corp	113
Southern Pacific	98½
Southern Railway	24½
Southern Railway, pfd	71
Tennessee Copper	19
Texas Co	206½
Union Pacific	148
United Fruit	155
United States Rubber	65½
United States Steel	112
United States Steel, pfd	119⅛
Utah Copper	104
Virginia-Caro. Chem	44¼
Wabash, Pfd., "B"	31⅝
Western Union	101¼
Westinghouse Electric	54⅛
Missouri Pacific, w. i.	36½

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 19.—Anticipation of an adverse English reply to peace proposals along with weakness in cotton depressed cotton seed oil early but a fair rally took place near the close on the hardening spot situation and somewhat more hopeful view of peace prospects. December closed 10 points higher and later positions 11 to 14 points net lower. Sales 43,500 barrels.

Close firm. Spot 12.30 bid; January 12.11 to 12.15; February 12.08 to 12.14; March 12.03 to 12.04; April 12.08 to 12.12; May 12.10 to 13.11; June 12.12 to 12.20; July 12.17 to 12.20; December 12.35 to 12.70.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Hogs, steady to 5c higher than yesterday's average; bulk 9.75 to 10.15; light 9.25 to 10.00; mixed 9.60 to 10.25; heavy 9.70 to 10.25; rough 9.70 to 9.85; pigs 7.50 to 9.25.

Cattle—Steady to stronger; native beef cattle 7.00 to 11.65; western steers 7.00 to 10.00; stockers 5.00 to 8.40; cows and heifers 3.85 to 10.00; calves 8.00 to 11.50.

Sheep—Strong; lambs weak to lower; wethers 8.85 to 10.00; ewes 5.75 to 9.50; lambs 11.00 to 11.30.

RETURNS CERTIFIED

Wilson's Plurality Over Hughes in This State 47,493.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 19.—President Wilson's plurality in North Carolina over Charles E. Hughes was 47,493, according to the returns as certified by the Secretary of State. The vote: Wilson 168,383; Hughes 120,890.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 20, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 27 degrees; at 8 P. M., 35 degrees; maximum, 40 degrees; minimum, 27 degrees; mean, 34 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month to date, .91 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 4.8 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Fair, warmer Wednesday; Thursday rain, colder by night.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 20, 1916.

Sun rises .. .. .7:13 A. M.

Sun sets .. .. .5:06 P. M.

Day's length .. .. .9 hrs. 53 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	High water. P.M.	Low water. A.M.	Low water. P.M.
Wilmington	5:56	6:10	12:39	1:23
Southport	3:33	3:36	9:53	10:10
Masonboro Inl	3:11	3:25	9:33	9:50

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS

December 19, 1916.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P.M.
Abilene	clear	68	26	.0
Asheville	clear	32	12	.0
Atlanta	clear	40	18	.0
Augusta	clear	44	26	.0
Baltimore	clear	26	—	.12
Birmingh	clear	46	22	.0
Boston	clear	28	20	.0
Charleston	clear	44	30	.0
Charlotte	clear	36	18	.0
Chicago	snow	28	8	.14
Galveston	cldy	64	48	.0
Jacksonv.	clear	50	30	.0
Memphis	clear	48	28	.0
Mobile	cldy	48	32	.0
Montgom'y	clear	48	26	.0
New Orl.	cldy	58	36	.0
New York	clear	30	22	.0
Oklahoma	pt cldy	56	30	.0
Palestine	clear	64	36	.0
Pittsburg	clear	22	8	.02
Raleigh	clear	32	20	.0
Savannah	clear	48	28	.0
Shreveport	clear	60	30	.0
St. Louis	cldy	40	24	.0
Washing'n	cldy	44	20	.10

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 19.—Mercantile paper 4 to 4 1-4. Sterling, 60 day bills 4.71 1-2; commercial 60 days bills on banks 4.71 1-4; commercial 60 day bills 4.71; demand 4.71 1-2; cables 4.76 7-16. Bar silver 76 7-8; Mexican dollars 79 5-8. Government bonds steady; railroad bonds irregular. Time loans easier; 60 days 4 1-4 to 4 1-2 per cent; 90 days and six months 4 to 4 1-4. Call money firm; ruling rate 4 1-4.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 19.—Raw sugar dull; centrifugal 5.14; molasses 4.27; refined dull.

Coffee—Spot very quiet; Rio 7s, 9 5-8; Santos 4s, 10 5-8.

WILLARD TO SOON SAIL.

Ambassador to Spain Holds Final Conference With President.

Washington, Dec. 19—Joseph E. Willard, American ambassador to Spain, home on leave of absence, held a final conference with President Wilson tonight and left for New York to sail for Madrid within the next ten days.

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For the Christmas and New Year Holiday excursion to Cuba the Atlantic Coast Line will sell excursion tickets from Wilmington to Havana, including meals and berths on steamships, at the fare and on the date named above, limited returning until January 7, 1917.

Fares will apply via Jacksonville; thence via the East Coast and the "Over Sea Railroad," or via the West Coast of Florida, through Port Tampa, but not going via one route and returning via the other, and tickets will be good to stop over at all stations en route, either on the going or return trip, or both.

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T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

'PHONE 160.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

The Standard Railroad of the South.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Nov. 12, 1916. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:40 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 52 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 53 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.

T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:20 A.M.	7:31 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	.....	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	9:35 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	12:15 P.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	11:45 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	.....	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:35 P.M.	3:50 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	4:06 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	4:30 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:10 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	10:10 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:45 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. !Leaves from Station No. 3.

SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Center," for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Center," for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Center," for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	!7:05 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	7:26 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	!9:05 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	2:06 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:45 P.M.	2:55 P.M.	3:06 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:15 P.M.	3:25 P.M.	3:36 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	4:25 P.M.	4:36 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:45 P.M.	4:55 P.M.	5:06 P.M.
5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:45 P.M.	5:55 P.M.	6:06 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	!7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

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FREIGHT SCHEDULE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M.

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SPECIAL NOTICE — This Table shows the time at which trains may be expected to arrive at and depart from the several stations, but the arrivals and departures are not guaranteed.

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Steamship Chippewa, Tues., Jan. 2nd

Wilmington to New York.
Steamship Chippewa, Mon., Dec. 25th
Steamship Chippewa, Sat., Jan. 6th
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The Progressive Railway of the South. Effective Nov. 12th, 1916.

DEPARTURE OF TRAINS FROM WILMINGTON:

No. 18—3:55 P. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR, WILMINGTON TO CHARLOTTE.

No. 19—6:00 A. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE. Open at 10:00 P. M., for Passengers.

ARRIVAL OF TRAINS AT WILMINGTON:

No. 14—12:30 P. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON.

No. 25—12:10 A. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON. PASSENGERS MAY REMAIN IN SLEEPER UNTIL 7:00 A. M.

For detailed information and reservations, call on City Ticket Agent, Orton Building. 'Phone 178.

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Atlanta	$17.50
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Charleston	$8.15
Chattanooga	$22.35
Cincinnati	$27.95
Columbia	$8.05
Fayetteville	$3.75
Florence	$4.75
Fort Myers	$33.15
Jacksonville	$19.80
Memphis	$34.85
Miami	$37.50
Nashville	$27.75
New Bern	$3.90
New Orleans	$37.65
Norfolk	$9.95
Raleigh	$5.65
Richmond	$10.15
Rocky Mount	$5.35
St. Augustine	$21.65
St. Louis	$37.10
St. Petersburg	$29.10
Savannah	$12.75
Sumter	$6.35
Tampa	$29.10
Washington	$15.75

And proportionate excursion fares to nearly every point in the southeast. Tickets will be sold Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, limited returning until January 10, 1917.

$47.65—Havana, Cuba.

Account Christmas and New Year Holiday Excursion. Tickets, including meals and berth on steamship, will be sold Thursday, Dec. 21, limited returning until Jan. 7.

$23.45—Tampa, Fla.

Account Gasparilla Carnival. Tickets will be sold Jan. 31 to Feb. 5, limited returning until Feb. 20. Limit may be extended to March 3rd, upon payment of $1.00 and depositing with joint agent, etc.

$38.10—New Orleans, La.

Account Annual Meeting Western Fruit Jobbers' Association. Tickets will be sold Jan. 27 and 28, limited Feb. 5.

Proportionate Fares from Other Points on the ATANTIC COAST LINE.

"The Standard Railroad of the South."
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SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

The Progressive Railway of the South.

Bulletin of Special Round-Trip Rates from Wilmington, N. C.

ATLANTA, GA	$17.50
BIRMINGHAM, ALA	$24.20
CHATTANOOGA, TENN	$22.35
CINCINNATI, OHIO	$27.95
MEMPHIS, TENN	$34.85
NASHVILLE, TENN	$27.75
NEW ORLEANS, L

CARRIES HUGE CARGO FOR RELIEF IN SYRIA

Christmas Ship Sails With Food and Supplies for Refugees.

Contributions Raised in This Country to Relieve Suffering in Europe Caused by War Now Touch the $50,000,000 Mark.

New York, Dec. 19.—With the sailing of the U. S. N. collier Caesar from New York with a Christmas cargo of food, clothing and medicine, for refugees of Armenia and Syria, Red Cross officials estimate America's contributions towards relieving the sufferings of war touch the $50,000,000 mark.

The Caesar carries 200,000 tons of food and clothing and $23,000 worth of hospital and surgical supplies. Included in her cargo are 1,000 cases of condensed milk for babies; 80,000 pounds of beans, 2,000 pounds of sugar, 825,000 pounds of whole wheat, 980,000 pounds of flour, 300,000 pounds of rice, 5,000 gallons of cottonseed oil, and 100,000 pounds of crushed wheat.

The people of Armenia have little knowledge of the use of flour and do not like it. The Red Cross consulted Armenians in the United States, determined just how their countrymen like their wheat and then had mills crush it just as the Armenians do.

The cotton seed oil is sent in place of animal fats, which are not eaten in Armenia and Syria. The Red Cross was informed that olive oil was considered highly desirable but the cost was prohibitive and cotton seed oil was substituted.

The Caesar will stop at Gibraltar to take aboard a representative of the American embassy at Constantinople and proceed to Alexandria, Egypt, where she will deliver coal and supplies to the United States cruiser Des Moines. From there she will go directly to Beirut, Syria.

The clothing and food were gathered and contributed by the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief, while the Red Cross itself contributed the hospital and surgical supplies.

From the beginning of the war until September 30, the Red Cross itself had received in contributions of cash and supplies about $3,225,000. Part of the money was spent in maintaining representatives in the field, and some was used for relief supplies. The total value of the supplies shipped to the Entente Allies' countries was $1,122,000, while the value of similar supplies shipped to the Central Powers was $250,000.

The difference in the figures is explained by the fact that for more than a year, because of British and French blockade measures, shipments to the Central Powers has been impossible. Arrangements now are being made, however, by which the Red Cross will be permitted to send medical units of physicians and nurses to take charge of a number of hospitals in Germany and Austria-Hungary. Each unit will consist of six doctors and eight nurses. Each unit will have charge of a hospital containing 600 beds.

Red Cross officials recently have begun to consider the part America will take in the period following the war, when much suffering is expected. The general idea goes far beyond the question of food and shelter, and extends to the rehabilitation of the people.

OVER $600,000 SENT IN ONE WEEK FOR ARMENIAN RELIEF

New York, Dec. 19.—A few days before the sailing of the Christmas ship, $410,000 was cabled by the American committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief from New York to Tiflis in the Russian Caucasus, to Tabriz, Beirut, Jerusalem and several other inland cities of Asia Minor for the relief of starving and homeless thousands accessible from these centers.

In addition to this the committee appropriated $500,000 to be sent early in January, legally binding itself to this amount, although the treasury was practically exhausted. It also gave assurances to the distribution commissions in the field that still another $500,000 would be forthcoming in January, if it could possibly collect that sum.

The cabling of the $410,000 within a few days of the departure of the Christmas ship, with its $250,000 worth of foodstuffs, clothing and medicinal supplies, sets what is perhaps a record for relief work within a single week.

The need, so intense that it led the committee to appropriate in advance a half million dollars, is practically indescribable and will continue through the winter and indefinitely thereafter, with sufferings multiplied by increased cold and hunger. Only a generous and continuous response by people of this country can enable the committee to save the thousands in its care.

In its little more than a year of existence the committee has collected two and a half million dollars; a little less than $900,000 of this was received within the last 30 days. Every cent of the gifts sent to the committee has been applied directly to relief, the expenses of collection and administration being met privately by certain members of the committee.

The Caesar was placed at the committee's disposal by the Secretary of the Navy at the personal request of President Wilson.

The plight of the Armenians, Syrians and the Christians in Palestine and Kurdestan was so desperate that as long ago as last summer the President officially recognized their urgent need by appointing October 21st and 22nd as National Armenian and Syrian Relief Days.

Although the Caesar carries a Christmas cargo, no such typical Christmas gifts as toys or sweets are included, but only the material to relieve most elemental wants. The cargo includes condensed milk for children; rice, lima beans, wheat, flour, petroleum, cotton seed oil, sugar and great quantities of warm clothing besides a large amount of medicinal supplies.

The cargo will be distributed among the most needy of the one million destitute Syrians, who are cut off from food supplies, and to the Armenian refugees who have straggled into Syria from deportation camps further inland.

Altogether there are now in need of relief in Syria, more than one million persons. Aside from Syria, and dependent upon the work of the committee, are another million of Armenians and Nestorian Christians. The cargo of the Christmas ship, of course, will be inadequate to meet the needs of all these persons.

The need of Syria is instanced by the fact that bread sells in Beirut for 35c a pound. All the wheat, barley, millet, figs and pomegranates produced in the country have been confiscated for military use and no flour or grain whatever are obtainable. The needs among the Armenians and Nestorian Christians are more harrowing. Among these people practically every man is dead and helpless families are without food, clothing or shelter.

The Christmas cargo is consigned to the American consul at Beirut, and will be distributed by relief commissions headed by the American consul, and including American teachers and missionaries. Distribution will be not only from Beirut itself but in scores of inland villages and towns.

To preserve the Armenians and Syrians throughout the winter, at least $5,000,000 is required—merely to prevent wholesale starvation. To repatriate the hundreds of thousands of Armenians and the Syrians who have been driven from their homes will require as much more at the very lowest estimate $1,000,000, which the committee has set itself to raise in the coming 30 days will form a small part only of this required amount.

Persons of all degrees contributed to the Christmas cargo. Men of millions in New York gave money, and gifts were received from charitable institutions. Children in a Missouri village went without turkey and chicken on Thanksgiving to add to the cargo, and women and other children have sent gifts from every state and from more than one country.

BERENGER DENOUNCES NEW FRENCH MINISTRY

Senator for Guadeloupe Says Cabinet is Weak and Dilatory.

Says There Has Been a Change in Nothing Except Personnel—Premier Briand Replies in Defense of Government.

Paris, Dec. 19.—Henry Berenger, senator for Guadeloupe, today in the senate accused the cabinet of weakness and dilatoriness. The senator said the new ministry had brought about only a change in personnel. This was shown in the way in which the war is being directed—the French had been unable to drive the Germans beyond the frontier.

The speaker then reproached the ministry with defects in the organization of the economic life of the country and then charged that there had been a lack of organization in the production of war material. He attacked French diplomacy to which he imputed as a result the recent events in Athens.

"Do not thank that your past war record," said M. Berenger, addressing Premier Briand, "gives us sufficient assurances for the future."

M. Briand in reply deprecated reproaches against the government at this grave period and added:

"I am ready to make way at any time for he who may be judged more worthy than I. I have gone more than 44 times before the committees (each committee composed of 44 members), and lately was detained ten entire days in secret sessions of the chamber. I ask you, under these conditions, how a president of the cabinet can be a 'war president,' a president of energetic action? When you know the facts of the terrible task to which I am bound, then you will judge me and codemn me if you think fit."

M. Briand then alluded to the latest French victory at Verdun which evoked much applause. Referring to the general military situation the premier continued:

"If we have not broken through, neither have the Germans broken through, even though it might have been thought they would triumph after having violated Belgium."

ZEBULON V. WEAVIR GOES TO CONGRESS

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and upon these findings the court is unanimously of opinion that his honor properly denied the petition for the writ of mandamus."

Congressman Britt appeared before the court this morning at 10 o'clock and made special argument on the supplementary findings of fact by Judge Adams that the Buncombe board of canvassers did not judicially pass on the Buncombe returns November 9 but recessed to await returns from three precincts. He pleaded that there was a judicial determining of the vote and that supplementary returns were barred. Court meets again Friday.

PREMIER LLOYD-GEORGE'S REPLY TO PEACE PROPOSAL

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extended congratulations to the new premier on his accession to that office, and then made brief but pointed reference to the German proposal for a peace conference which he said was born of military and economic neccessity.

"I see nothing in the note from Germany," he added, "which gives me the least reason to believe that they are prepared to give us reparation and security. If they are in such a mood; if they are prepared to give us repagation for the past and security for the future, let them say so."

RUSSIAN COUNCIL'S ORDER SIMILAR TO THAT OF DUMA

London, Dec. 19.—The Russian council of the empire today adopted an order of the day identical with that passed by the duma, declaring the council unanimous in refusing to enter under present conditions, into any peace negotiations with Germany, says a dispatch to Reuters Telegraph Company from Petrograd.

D'BAETES AND WALTHOUR LEAD IN ANNUAL BICYCLE RACE.

New York, Dec. 19.—Forty-eight hours after the start of the 24th annual six-day bicycle race here the 11 leading teams had covered 952 miles and eight laps at midnight tonight with DeBaetes and Walthour leading. The other two teams remaining in the race were a lap behind. The record for this hour is 1,011 miles, one lap.

BREAK IN COTTON OF $3.50 PER BALE

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ternational Paper, Republic Iron, Texas Company, Utah Copper, Lackawanna Steel, Pittsburg Coal and Ohio State Gas.

Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies, Central Leather, Utah Copper and Butte and Superior made new low records for the current decline. Today's offerings probably involved a greater proportion of short sales than either of last week's recessional movements. This was plainly true of United States Steel, which contributed something like one-third to the day's total of about 1,800,000 shares.

Steel closed at a net loss of a point, making up much of its recovery in the final 15 minutes, with other active shares.

FAYETTEVILLE PRESENTS CLAIMS

As Location for Colored Coffin Factory and School.

(Special Star Telegram).

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 19.—Fayetteville's advantages as a location for the $25,000 coffin factory and embalming school to be established by the negro undertakers' association of the State were presented to the location committee of the association here today. Fayetterville's claims were presented by a committee representing the chamber of commerce and the city.

No representations for any other city were made. The promoter of the factory stated tonight that either Fayetteville or Durham would be selected.

The committee will visit Durham tomorrow.

NOTABLES ATTENDING "MOVIE" CONVENTION

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chief office of the association, the North Carolina League had come to be recognized as among the most earnest and energetic in the country, but gave credit for this, to a great extent, to the able manner in which Mr. H. B. Varner, the secretary of the league, had vigorously applied himself in behalf of the exhibitors on several different occasions.

Tomorrow business sessions will be held during the day and at a p. m., a public meeting at which addresses will be delivered by William A. Brady and Cranston Brenton. Thursday afternoon the exhibitors will be guests of the Chamber of Commerce on an automobile tour, returning to the Selwyn Hotel for a Dutch supper at 6:30.

The big event of the convention will follow at the Grand Ball to be held in the Charlotte Auditorium starting at 9:30 Thursday evening and continuing until daylight Friday morning. As guests of honor on this occasion, many screen celebrities will be present headed by Miss Rose Tapley, famous Vitagraph leading woman, who will lead the grand ball. Miss Tapley comes from Philadelphia for the sole purpose of attending the ball Thursday night. Others present as guests of honor on this occasion will include Miss Mabel Trunnelle, the beautiful leading lady of the Edison Company; Maurice Costello, one of the best known and most popular stars on the screen today; Herbert Prior, of the Edison Company, and probably several others.

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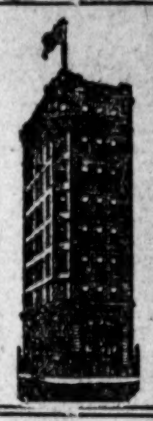

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